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er also was rescued but later died; his sister remains buried and her condition is wn. The landslide was triggered by the powerful earthquake that ravaged northern Japan over the weekend; another 6.1-magnitude quake hit the region W ig and was followed by a 4.2-magnitude aftershock. Right: Yuta, on a stretcher, is lifted to safety by a helicopter.

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ews Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Schiavo right-to-die case: A man rying to carry out what he claims are his wife's wishes in a long-running right-to-die case asked two Florida courts Tuesday to stop delaying the removal of a feeding tube that helps keep the woman alive

George Felos, the attorney for Michael Schiavo, asked Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer to reconsider a seven-week delay on the removal of Terri Schiavo's feed-

Terri Schiavo, 40, suffered severe brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped beating from a chemical imbalance that doctors

said was brought on by an eating disorder. Some doctors have testified she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope for recovery, and Michael Schiavo says she would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents have disputed that.

Howard Stern vs. FCC: Shock jock Howard Stern made a surprise call to a radio station during an interview of the Federal Communications Commission head, claiming the chairman only got his job because his fa ther is Secretary of State Colin Powell.

called in to KGO-AM radio in San Francisco during a live interview Tuesday with FCC Chairman Michael Powell. After claiming Powell. consistently avoids him, Stern began to question his creden-

"How did you get your job? It is apparent to most of us in broadcasting that your father got you your job, and



said. "And yet I really don't even think you're qualified to be the head of the commission.

O.J. Simpson settlement: A friend of O.J. Simpson has been ordered to appear in court regarding the finances of the former football star, who was acquitted of double murder but slapped with a \$33.5 million settlement that remains unpaid to the victims'

Powell, a Republican, was appointed to the commission by President Clinton in 1997 and

became chairman when President Bush took

office in 2001. Powell denied Stern's charge.

Alfred Beardsley must appear Nov. 23 in Los Angeles Superior Court in Santa Monica. The order, issued Tuesday, was at the request

of Fred Goldman, whose son Ron was killed in 1996 along with Nicole Brown Simpson.

Fenway Park death: An independent panel headed by former U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern will investigate the death of a college student who was shot by Boston police using pepper pellet guns to subdue rowdy Red Sox fans after the team won the American League pennant.

Victoria Snelgrove, a junior at Emerson College, was killed last week when she was hit in the eye by a pellet fired by police as they tried to control the situation outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox beat the New York Yan-

World

Yasser Arafat's health: Yasser Arafat's health worsened Wednesday and a team of doctors went to his West Bank compound to examine the Palestinian leader, according to a Palestinian official close to Arafat. Officials described his condition as serious.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas were summoned to the 75-year-old Arafat's bedside and met alone with him in his room, one official said

Israeli officials said Arafat's wife, Suha who lives in Paris, was coming to Ramallah on Thursday.

North Korean asylum-seekers: Chinese police detained 65 North Korean asylum-seekers hiding in two houses in Beijing, South Korean activists said Wednesday, accusing China of carrying out "hardline mea-" to round up refugees from its ally, North Korea

Two South Korean human rights activists ere detained in the raid Tuesday, South Korea's Yonhap news agency report-

The detentions came amid a surge in large-scale asylum bids in recent weeks. Scores of North Koreans are in the Canadian and South Korean embassies and other foreign facilities in Beijing, waiting for per-mission to leave for South Korea.

War on terrorism

Islamic cleric's trial: A militant Islamic cleric accused by the United States of being a key terror leader in Southeast Asia goes on trial Thursday, charged in the 2002 Bali bombings and last year's J.W. Marriott hotel attack in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The trial of Abu Bakar Bashir comes a veek after President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono took office in the world's most populous Muslim nation, and will be seen as a

test of his election campaign promises to crack down on terrorism

The 66-year-old Bashir was acquitted last ear of separate terrorism charges. The verdict was widely criticized abroad.

Gitmo detainees: A federal judge says he will not allow an 18-year-old Canadian held with other terror suspects at a U.S. naval station in Cuba to be examined to determine if he is mentally fit to help his defense.

U.S. District Judge John D. Bates ruled Tuesday that there is no legal basis to order a mental competence exam before Omar Khadr's status is reviewed by a military tribu-

nal at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Khadr, who was 15 when U.S. forces captured him in Afghanistan, was wounded in a battle that killed a U.S. soldier and injured four others, the military says,

Accused lawyer: A veteran civil rights law-yer accused of helping terrorists on Tuesday denied ever violating prison rules designed to shut off a convicted terrorist she represented from the rest of the world.

The attorney, Lynne Stewart, firmly regis-tered her denial from the witness stand in New York as she for a second day answered juestions posed by her lawyer, Michael

Tigar aimed the defense at the core of evidence against Stewart — special administration measures, or SAMs, put in place by the government to stop Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman from communicating from prison with his followers in Egypt and elsewhere.

Stewart, 65, is charged with providing mate-rial support to terrorists, defrauding the government and making false statements for letting Abdel-Rahman's views on a cease-fire in Egypt reach followers. If convicted, she could face 20 years in prison.

Iraq travel ban: The Philippine government will stamp citizens' passports with a travel-ban notice in a further attempt to keep them out of war-ravaged Iraq, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said Wednesday in Manila.

Despite a ban on travel to Iraq issued in July, at least 2,000 Filipinos searching for work have flocked to the country, reports

Middle East-bound Filipino workers will have their passports stamped with the notice "Not valid for travel to Iraq" to prevent them from sneaking into Iraq, Foreign Sec-retary Alberto Romulo said.

Despite the dangers, Filipinos risk their lives for work in Iraq to earn wages up to three times higher than in other Middle Eastern locations, he said.

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Meshing 5th, 13th Air Forces still up in air

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan - Only four months into his new job, Gen. Paul V. Hester is staring down an enormous task: Reshaning how Pacific Air Forces does husiness to meet the mighty goals of military

The four-star PACAF commander was at this northern Japan base Monday and Tuesday, wrapping up a 10-day tour of meet with base leaders and airmen at Yokota and Kadena air bases, as well as Misawa

Those visits, in addition to stops planned later this year in South Korea and Alaska, "will help shape the kind of foundation of where we are." he said. "Then we will decide, in concert with Adm. (Thomas) Fargo and the secretary of Defense's direction ... how we can reshape our basing strategy in the Pacific and what that might mean to the Air Force.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has called on military leaders to transform the military into a more agile force.

In a wide-ranging interview Tuesday with Stars and Stripes, Hester discussed what near-term changes military transfor-

PACAF chief faces enormous tasks and intentions between nations," Hester said, "as well as assisting if a conflict were

swered questions on a variety of topics, from costs to fight the war on terror to joint use of Yokota Air Base's runway

Hester said his priorities as PACAF commander include ensuring that "Air Force families continue to take care of and lead other Air Force families. We need . make sure we have some quality of life that takes care of our Americans as they are away from America's shores '

But perhaps more pressing, he said, are the issues of military transformation and modernization.

Rumsfeld has "asked all of us around the world to look at ... how we are going to be stationed to face threats that we expect to face for the next century," the general said.

"So yes, it sits pretty high in my job jar. The secretary's challenge poses questions, Hester said, such as, "Do we move people in and around? Do we add more peo-

The general said he still is considering whether to mesh 5th Air Force, headquartered at Yokota, and Guam's 13th Air Force. He said he intends to activate a peric but needs more staffing to do so. "We're looking at some of our numbered air forces

as a place to find some of that manpower," he said, noting that it's "undecided as to where any merger would be permanently stationed

Hester said he exects PACAF and the Pacific arena will modthrough adernize vanced technology and weapons systems. During the next three years, he said he antici-

pates PACAF investing and committing to 'ISR platforms" - intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. It's possible the Global Hawk and Predator, which can perform unmanned aerial reconnaissance and surveillance missions, could find a permanent home in the Pacific. Hester said

With these systems, "we can pick up pieces of focused intelligence and reconnaissance that might be useful to us as preventative measures in conflicts between nations to break out. They're always useful to us in

being able to have our eyes in the sky.' Hester said he's also excited about the Air Force's new F/A-22 Raptor, which

eventually is to replace the F-15 Eagle. "We'll look at when that airplane enters the active-duty force, maybe we can get some of those into the Pacific arena." he

Hester also discussed:

■ Impact to Pacific coffers of ongoing war on terror: "There's always an impact of some sort," he said. "Trying to articulate that well requires you to throw up 15 slides of statistics. In the large measure, our bases are getting their operations and maintenance funds in the same fashion as they get them every year." Hester noted that PACAF had less "fallout" money at the close of fiscal 2004 for year-end projects. "Our expectation is that (fiscal) '05 will be the same, if not less," he said.

■ The Air Force's new fitness standards: The general said the Air Force worked hard to prepare airmen for the first round of new fitness testing this year, "Our next

SEE HESTER ON PAGE 5

Sasebo storm damage tops \$1 million

Stare and Strings

SASERO NAVAL BASE Japan - Personnel here dealing with finances estimate Typhoon Tokage's rampage last week will drain more than \$1 million from the base's wallet, which already was looking rather lean

Workers continued this week repairing rooftops, disposing of debris, repositioning angled topiary into original upright posi tions and returning salvageable awnings and pavilions to functional conditions, according to Charles T. Howard, base spokes-

"At this point, the estimated damages are \$1.24 million." he said Monday. That dollar figure continues to evolve, and depends on the extent to which some struc tures prove to be damaged, he said.

Dozens of small structural damages occurred Oct. 20 from Tokage's wind gusts, base officials said. One gust recorded in Sasebo city measured about 95 knots, or about 109 mph, according to the Nagasaki Prefecture Meteorological Agency.

Even after being downgraded to a tronical storm early in the afternoon on the 20th, Tokage still was merciless in southern Japan, killing at least 63 people.

No one in the Sasebo Naval Base commu nity was injured or killed, Howard said. The funding for this will come from the CFAS (Sasebo Naval Base's shore com

Correction

A story in the Oct. 24 edition incorrect ly stated the frequency with which Yahya Abdul-Qaadir wrote a religion column for the Yokosuka Naval Base newspaper. Abdul-Qaadir wrote the column only for the newspaper's Oct. 15 edition



Petty Officer 3rd Class Bill Bolton, of the USS Fort McHenry, walks Monday by a section of roof that was ripped off of Building 138, a warehouse along the India Basin Pier at Sasebo Naval Base last week during Typhoon Tokage. Before it was moved, the section of warehouse roof and other debris crushed a vacant building.

mand) Maintenance Fund, but of course \$1.24 million is a little bit more than any one expected a small base like this to need," said Lt. Cmdr. Bret Blanton, officer-in-charge of Sasebo's Public Works Department

Absent such disasters, the fund usually covers on-base maintenance. Also factor-ing in repairs to damage sustained last week, Blanton said, means both workload and scheduling will have to be prioritized. For instance, someone expecting a repainted office in a few weeks may wait longer because of prioritized repairs, such as a fixing a severely damaged roof.

"If there is no other no major structural damage discovered that could entail major construction, we estimate the repairs will take a couple of months," he said. "But we won't disregard maintenance that has been planned; we will still get to it."

An amount is allocated each month from the maintenance fund to cover the costs of various upgrades, repairs and new projects. Following the typhoon and resulting damage, if the monthly allocation falls short, Blanton said, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan will assist in "covering the difference.

Three damage locations figure heaviest in the estimate of funds needed for renairs officials said

"The worst would be the roof section that blew off Building 138, an old warehouse over by the India Basin pier, near where the (USS) Fort McHenry is berthed," Blanton said.

The second spot with heavy damage is the roof of Sasebo's detachment of Commander, U.S. Forces Japan Regional Fire Department on the main base facility. Gust by gust, the wind peeled the roof off the fire department and rolled it up like a jelly

The third site, one that could cost the base up to \$250,000 to repair, Blanton said, is at Yokose Fuel Terminal. In this case, the wind and heavy, crashing waves broke apart, cracked and further deteriorated areas along the seawall that must be fixed.

"We'll just have to prioritize and start repairing these damages, and hopefully, an-other one won't come anytime soon," he added.

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Americans ask for forgiveness in Ecstasy case

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY Stars and Stripes

YOKOHAMA DISTRICT Japan — Two Americans who worked on Yokosuka Naval Base begged a Japanese court for forgiveness Wednesday for their alleged part in smuggling what authorities say is almost \$2 million worth of drugs into

As the prosecutor asked the Yokohama District Court judge to sentence the pair to eight years each in prison, the two men, Babe Cole and William Jenkins, put their heads in their hands and wept.

"I just want to go back to the United States with my wife as soon as possible, and I'm sorry, I'm so sorry," Jenkins, 28, told the judge.

Cole, 25, said he wanted to "deeply apolo-gize to Japan, Yokosuka and the United States. I'd like to express my apology and full repentance.

Defense lawyers asked the judge only for "leniency," saying that they were young men who had had small roles in smuggling a large amount of drugs.

The two, who both worked for the base

Morale, Welfare and Recreation department, were arrested in August after a Nari-ta Airport customs inspection found some 50,000 tablets of MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, and other stimulants, as well as some five ounces of speed in powder form. The drugs, in more than a dozen plastic bags, were displayed on a courtroom table

Police said the drugs were mailed from Canada, bound for the two men's post office boxes on base. They said the street value of the drugs was up to \$1.9 million. The day after their arrest, a third man,

Jonathan Nunez, got a plane out of Japan for the United States. Japanese police said they hoped to extradite Nunez to stand trial for his part in the operation. Nunez, a former USS Vincennes sailor who was administratively separated from the Navy in November 2003, remains elsewhere, officials said.

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USFK raising legal drinking age to 21

Rule goes into effect Monday; move is attempt to reduce alcohol-related incidents

Stars and Strines YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — Attention all 20-year-olds: Unless your next birthday comes by Monday, you'll have to

wait as long as a year before you can drink al-cohol on or off base in South Korea. Starting Monday, U.S. Forces Korea will raise to 21 the legal drinking age for all military personnel, contract workers, civilians and family members assigned to USFK, ac-

cording to an announcement issued Wednes-USFK officials said this change would apply to personnel off-base as well, although the legal drinking age in South Korea is 20.

How U.S. officials would enforce the new drinking age off base was unclear Wednesday, but officials said offenders could face action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to the UCMJ

"could, as a minimum, have their privileges revoked," the release read. "There is no good justification why the drinking age here should be different than it in the U.S.," Col. MaryAnn Cummings, USFK spokeswoman, said in the statement. 'An assignment or employment opportunity in Korea should not give special privileges with respect to alcohol over those in the

The change comes as command leaders face increasing concerns about the number of alcohol-related incidents involving young-er troops, the USFK statement said.

"With the drinking age raised to 21, we want to reduce the number of alcohol-related incidents," said Lt. Col. Howard Hunt. USFK chief of law enforcement. "Historically, a high percentage of alcohol-related offenses are committed by 18- to 20-year-olds. particularly as they relate to crimes against

persons." The move is not without precedent At Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in Japan, the base commander made a similar change in January, requesting off-base es-tablishments to enforce a drinking age of 21 for base personnel. The Japanese legal drinking age also is 20.

The change was made in hopes of reduc-ing off-base alcohol-related incidents involving younger Marines. But the change did not ect all servicemembers in Japan becau it was not a U.S. Forces Japan- wide deci

The legal drinking age limit for service-members in Japan and Okinawa is established by USFJ component commands, according to Air Force 2nd Lt. Ben Sakrisson, a USFJ spokesman.

"It's not dictated by USFJ to the service components." he said, "so there's not a standard limit for all of USFJ. It's left up to each of the service branches around Japan."

The same holds for all servicemembers

oned worldwide

A 1995 Defense Department regulation tates: "The minimum drinking age on a DoD installation located outside the United States shall be 18 years of age. Higher minimum drinking age will be based on international treaties and agreements and on the local situation as determined by the local installation commander

Because USFK made the decision in South Korea, it will affect all troops throughout the peninsula

Some soldiers in South Korea reacted neg-

At Camp Red Cloud, 122nd Signal Battalion soldier Pvt. Mason Radcliff, 18, of Pratt-ville, Ala., said Wednesday that raising the drinking age is not a good idea.

"I think if you are in the military you ought to be able to drink, period. You are an adult and I think adults should be able to drink," he said.

Young U.S. soldiers can die for their country but some are not allowed to have a beer, he said. "You ought to be able to drink when you are old enough to be sent over here and to do everything else but drink."

Plenty of responsibilities are entrusted to 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds, Radcliff said. "You can go to prison. In Alabama you can drive a motorcycle at 14. You can drive a car at 16. A lot of 16-year-olds have car acci-dents but they don't raise the driving age,"

However, the young soldier said, he would follow the new regulation, as the Army must have a reason for raising the drinking age. "I guess they don't think an 18-year-old is responsible enough to drink,"

Not all young soldiers are unhappy about the change in the drinking age.

Pfc. Jeffery Lockwood, 19, said he

couldn't care less. "I don't drink, at all, so it doesn't really affect me. I have been here a whole year with-out any drinking at all," said Lockwood, a

New Orleans native who was training for his Expert Field Medical Badge at Warrior Base, near the DMZ, on Wednesday.

Bar owners in Itaewon appeared dis-tressed at the news. "The new alcohol-permit-age rule definite-ly will affect our club business negatively,"

said Yu Won-soon, who heads the Itaewon bar association and owns Twilight Zone. News of the change could slow Yu's busi-

ness and even force him to close his doors he said Wednesday; most of his customers are younger troops.
Yu said the age change was another piece

of bad news for Itaewon merchants. He ex-pects business to dwindle as the United States proceeds with plans to move Yongsan Garrison operations in Seoul to Pyongtaek over the next few years.

Yu also said checking the age of younger

soldiers can be challenging. Sometimes ask-ing for IDs can prompt angry responses from the servicemembers, he said.

Earlier this year, the Defense Department

eleased a survey saying heavy drinking five or more drinks per occasion at least once a week — was up among servicemem-bers, from 15.4 percent in 1998 to 18.1 percent in 2002.

Of the 12,500 active-duty servicemembers

surveyed in 2002, younger members reported the heaviest alcohol use. One of four re-spondents ages 18 to 25 admitted heavy alco-hol use, almost double the rate among civi-ians in the same group, the American Forces Press Service reported earlier this year.

Seth Robson, Vince Little and Hwang Hae-rym contributed to this report.

Drugs: Ecstasy smugglers weep, apologize in court

Attorneys for Cole and Jenkins painted Nunez as the most responsible for the drug smuggling, saying that in comparison to distributing the drugs, their clients' receipt of the drugs was a smaller offense. Cole and Jenkins did not know the boxes they agreed to receive contained illegal drugs, their attorneys said.

But the prosecutor, according to a translator, argued that their roles may have been small but were "essential."

Jenkins' wife, who spoke only on the condition that her first name not be used, said she believed her husband was unaware of what the boxes contained.
"They only get \$400 or \$500.
They thought it was probably illegal, but no drugs," she said.
"They thought it was porno or fake bags

She sobbed in the courtroom and said her husband was not allowed English-language reading material in the police station jail where he's been in custody, and that they are not allowed to speak English when she visits.

She said her husband's lawyer told her that it seemed likely her husband would be sentenced to at least four years. The sentencing is scheduled Nov. 24

Jenkins, who had worked in the ingle Sailor Center, told the judge he agreed to accept the boxes because he needed money to achieve his goal: to return to the United States and rejoin the Navy. "I should have quit," ne said. "But I had money problems. I'm sorry for what I've done."

Cole was employed at a base warehouse at the time of his arrest, according to Mike Chase, base spokesman. Cole remains under the jurisdiction of the status of forces agreement, which governs how servicemembers are handled in Japanese courts, among other things. As such, the Navy provided his attorney, the same Japanese woman who represented a Kitty Hawk sailor convicted in March of negligent driving after his car ran a red light and col lided with the car of a Yokosuka man, who died of his injuries.

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Army to keep Iraq tours at one year

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Army will not shorten combat tours in Iraq next year from 12 months to six or nine months, as some had honed, because that would undermine the war effort, the Army's top general said Tuesday.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, told a group of reporters that he would prefer norter combat tours in Iraq but believes that cannot happen as long as the U.S. military is required to maintain roughly the 135,000 troops there now to fight the insur-

The Army and Marine Corps are reparing to maintain that level at least through the end of next year. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said that if nald H. U.S.-trained and equipped Iraqi security forces become available in larger numbers next year, as expected, then U.S. troops levels may be reduced.

On a related matter, the Army's vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard Cody, said the Army has not been asked to accelerate the deploy-ment of a fresh rotation of troops into Iraq. These include four brigades of the 3rd Infantry Division, which is scheduled to go there in

The 3rd Infantry, which spear headed the drive to Baghdad in March and April 2003, has been reorganizing this year and will be the first division to make a return deployment to Iraq.

Schoomaker and Cody cited several drawbacks to shortening combat tours under current circumstances, which include an insurgency that continues to adapt its tac tics of killing coalition and Iraqi

Among them: ■ The fight against the insurgents will be more effective if there is not a frequent turnover of American troops, in part because n-the-ground experience pays div-dends in understanding the idends

enemy. effort to integrate U.S.-trained Iraqi forces into American fighting units in coming months will be more successful if they spend longer periods operat-

ing together ■ National Guard and Reserve forces have to put in the same amount of pre-deployment training and preparation for going to Iraq regardless of whether they stay for six months or 12 months. Thus shorter tours would mean mo. bilizing and training more Guard and Reserve units, if the overall force requirement remains the

British troops replacing U.S. forces near Baghdad

BAGHDAD - Nearly 800 Brit-ish troops left their bases in southern Iraq on Wednesday, heading north toward Baghdad to replace U.S. troops who are ex-pected to take part in an offensive against insurgent strongholds

The deployment came hours after Iraq's most feared militant group released a video threaten-ing to behead a Japanese captive within 48 hours unless Japan withdraws its troops from Iraq.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi rejected kidnap-pers' demands in the most recent hostage drama

"The Self-Defense Forces will not withdraw," Koizumi told re-porters in western Japan. "I cannot allow terrorism and cannot how to terrorism

The British troops, headquartered in Basra, are heading to an area near the capital to replace U.S. troops who are expected to launch a major offensive against rebel areas west and north of the

capital.

"We can confirm that there is some movement," said British military spokesman Maj. Char lie Mayo. He gave no specifics on troop numbers, citing securiOfficer says no order given to secure weapons that vanished from Iraq, Page 10

Large flatbed trucks were seen carrying armored British vehicles up a road through Irag's southern desert to Nasiriyah, 200 miles southeast of Baghdad, where it appeared the troops were stopping for the

night. Nearly 800 Scottish soldiers of the First Battalion, Black Watch are expected to be based in an area just south of the capital to free up American forces for an expected assault on the insur-gent stronghold of Fallujah and

The move is part of a coalition effort to bring order to Iraq be-

fore elections in January. British officials have been ague on the precise destination with some media reports indicating the Black Watch would be sent to Iskandariyah located

north of Hillah. The British soldiers' families expressed worries Wednesday that the redeployment puts the troops in greater danger.

"It wasn't a cakewalk in Basra, but it's going to be a lot, lot more dangerous up there, said James Buchanan, 56, from Arbroath in central Scotland, who has two sons with the regiment in Iraq.

The American military wants the British to assume security responsibility in areas close to Baghdad, so U.S. Marines and soldiers can be shifted to insurgent strongholds west of the canital, including Fallujah.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's decision to agree to the U.S. request for redeployment is a politically sensitive one for the British leader, whose popularity has plummeted because of his support for the Iraq war.

Britain's 8,500 troops are based around the southern port city of Basra in a relatively peaceful area of Iraq. peaceful area Sixty-eight British soldiers have been killed in Iraq, compared with more than 1,000 U.S.

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Hester: Yokota runway may be unsuited for commercial use

challenge is not just to get them to pass it one time but to maintain a fit-ness level 365 days of the year," he said. The program is going well, so far, he added. "I think we're absolutely excited by what we see in the number of airmen that are out pounding the pavement and over in the gym lifting weights, doing push-ups, doing pull-ups, getting fit for the challenges that confront them ... when we ask them to go into the combat

■ Whether commercial use of Yokota Air Base's runway could work as it does at Misawa Air Base: "Yokota and Misawa are two very, very different communities and they are obviously in very, very different parts of Japan and that leads to some great differences in whether one construct, the Misawa picture, could be overlaid on the Yokota picture," he said, deferring to Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, commander of 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, who is based at Yokota.

Hester also said Tuesday he did not know when PACAF bases would begin administering the flu vaccine to those with priority or deemed

Hester entered the Air Force in January 1971 after receiving his commission through University of Mississippi's ROTC program. A command fighter pilot, with a combat tour in Southeast Asia. Hester served as commander of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force from September 1999 to November 2001. Prior to being tapped to lead PACAF, Hester was commander of Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field,

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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sought to face down rebels in his Likud party, vowing in comments published Wednesday that he would not give in to "pressures and threats" over his Gaza withdrawal plan.

Gaza withdrawal plan.
Four Cabinet ministers — led by
Sharon's top rival, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — voted
along with a majority of lawmakers
who approved the Gaza plan or
Tuesday. But the four said they
would step down if the prime minister did not commit to a national ref-

erendum on it.

The ministers' resignations could force elections in coming months and delay implementation of a withdrawal. Alternately, Sharon could try to reshuffle his coalition and bring in the moderate

Labor Party.
Sharon said he would not be swaved by the threats.

Report: North Korea may test missile

BY SANG-HUN CHOE The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States, Japan and South Korea are closely monitoring a missile base in North Korea after military intelligence indicated that the communist nation might be preparing to test missiles, a South Ko-

rean newspaper reported Wednesday.

The move would be the latest provocation from North Korea, which has denounced this week's multination naval exercise in Japanese waters as a U.S.-led "ultimate war action"

against the isolated country.

The base in Jeongju, 55 miles north of Pyongyang, is home to Scud-type missiles that

have a range of 185-310 miles, and Nodong missiles with an 810-mile range. Most of Japan's four main islands fall within Nodong's range.

Beginning two or three days ago, "North Korress began making moves at the Jeongiu base, such as moving mobile missile launch stations," the mass-circulation daily Chosun Ilbo said, citing a senior South Korean government official. "We are monitoring the movements to see whether this was part of their training or they actually intend to launch a missile."

South Korea's Defense Ministry "neither confirms nor denies" the report, said a ministry spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"At this point, the Japanese government is

not aware of any specific indication of such a movement," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuko Hosoda told a regular press conference.

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The reported activities came as North Korea inveighed against this week's multination naval exercise in Japanese waters, calling it a U.S.-led "ultimate war action" against the isolat-

ed country.

Besides the United States and Japan, seven other countries are taking part in the naval exercise in Japanese waters.

The drill is part of an anti-proliferation security initiative, known as PSI, in which allied force scan intercept ships or aircraft believed carrying missiles or equipment for unconventional weapons. The exercise was initiated last year primarily to deter North Korea's trade in missile and nuclear technology and components.

S. envoy: North worst among WMD proliferators

BY KENJI HALL

The Associated Press

TOKYO — The top U.S. envoy for arms control named North Korea, Iran and Syria among the worst proliferators of weapons of mass destruction Wednesday, and called for shipments to the countries to be monitored more closely.

"North Korea, Iran and Syria, among others, are clearly states of proliferation concern," Undersecretary of State John Bolton said in a speech at The American Center in Tokyo.

Bolton is visiting Japan to observe multinational exercises, held under President Bush's Proliferation Security Initiative, or PSI, aimed at training troops to intercept weapons of mass destruction at sea.

He said countries involved in the exercises "should be ready to scrutinize shipments going to or from such states or terrorist groups."

Nine ships from Japan, the United States, Australia and France joined the exercises off Tokyo that began Tuesday. The maneuvers, the first in East Asia and the first hosted by Japan, have been criticized by nearby North Korea as a "provocation."

Bolton's reserved his harshest words for North Korea.

"Without a doubt, North Korea remains the world's foremost proliferator of ballistic missiles and related technology to rogue states and hostile regimes," he said.





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Bush, Kerry campaign hard in homestretch

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Sen. John Kerry ac-cused President Bush on Wednesday of "dodging and bobbing and weaving" on explanations for nearly 400 tons of missing explosives in Iraq. Bush said his presidential challenger was making wild charges with-out knowing the facts.

Less than a week before the election, both campaigns intensified their efforts speeches, in TV ads, in telephone appeals and in courtrooms across the nation

With their agendas laid out all summer and fall, Bush and Kerry were trying to create an aura of excitement get-out-the-vote rallies, hoping to snag the dwindling pool of voters who haven't taken

Kerry hit hard at this week's revelation that explosives had disappeared from an outpost in Iraq.

"The missing explosives could very likely be in the hands of terrorists and insurgents. who are actually attacking our forces now 80 times a day on average," Kerry said at a rally in Sioux City.

"But now today we've learned even more. What we're seeing is a White House that is dodging and bobbing and weaving in their usual efforts to avoid responsibility, just as they've done every step of the way in our in-

volvement in Iraq."

Kerry said Vice President Dick Cheney "is becoming the chief minister of disinformation" while the president remains silent

on the matter Bush did bring up the matter a few min-

utes later, in a speech in Lititz, Pa.
"Now the senator is making wild charges about missing explosives when his top for-eign policy adviser admits, quote, 'We do not know the facts.' "Bush said.

Kerry says opponent dodging key issue; president says Kerry's charges 'wild'



Floridians, after waiting in a long line, cast their ballots at the Miami-Dade election eadquarters on Wednesday

Think about that - the senator's denigrating the action of our troops and commanders in the field without knowing the facts. Unfortunately, that's part of a pattern of saying almost anything to get elected."

Bush was referring to remarks made by Kerry adviser Richard Holbrooke on Tuesday in an interview with Fox News. Hol-brooke said, "The U.N. inspectors had told the American military this was a major depot." He added: "I don't know what hap

ministrations, the buck stops in the Oval Of-

Kerry also appealed to middle class voters in the election homestretch Wednesday. saying Bush had sold them out to help the wealthy and now wanted "four more years

so that he can keep up the bad work Bush, meanwhile, put together a campaign endgame that included persistent apneals to win over previously Democratic votes and a rarely used weapon in this bruisRockers Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi were rejoining the Kerry campaign, minstrels in his fast-moving gallery. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was bring-ing his star power — and moderate GOP reputation — to Bush's side later in the

The president turned to the iconoclastic Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia to accompany him Wednesday to Pennsylvania and Ohio events, in keeping with his late-breaking appeals to Democrats who

aren't sold on their own party's nominee. Bush, in Pennsylvania, said, "I want to re-Bust, in Femisylvania, said, I want to re-mind the American people that if Senator Kerry had his way ... Saddam Hussein would still be in power, he would control all those weapons and explosives" and could have shared them with America's terrorist enemies.

Kerry was focusing on economic troubles in the Sioux City speech Wednesday before stumping in Minnesota and back in Iowa, at a Cedar Rapids event. Aides saw that a cetair Rapine event. Ances Saw that says speech and one Friday that will blend his campaign's economic and foreign policy proposals as his "closing arguments" for change After ripping Kerry for weeks as an equivocator, Bush planned to close the contest with a 60-second commercial meant to show him as steady, trustworthy and com-

passionate in dangerous times.

The ad shows an emotional president telling the Republican National Convention about meeting the children and parents of slain U.S. soldiers, as well as wounded ser-vicemen and women.

Kerry's latest ad accuses the Bush administration of failing to secure the explo-sives that disappeared from a military installation south of Baghdad around the time U.S. forces were toppling Saddam



Odd electoral scenarios could plague vote

BY DANA MILBANK The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Could one of these electoral college nightmares be our destiny? President Bush and Sen. John Kerry deadlock on Tuesday with 269 electoral votes apiece - but a single Bush elector in West Virginia defects, swinging the election to

Or, Bush and Kerry are headed toward an electoral college tie, but the 2nd Congressional District of Maine breaks with the rest of the state, giving its one electoral vote - and the presiden-

cy - to Bush. Or the Massachusetts senator wins an upset victory in Colorado and appears headed to the White House, but a Colorado ballot initiative that passes causes four of the state's nine electoral votes to go to Bush - creating an electoral college tie that must be resolved in the U.S. House.

None of these scenarios is like ly to occur next week, but none is far-fetched. Tuesday's election probably will be decided in 11 states where polls currently show the race is too tight to predict a winner. And, assuming the other states go as predicted, a computer analysis finds no fewer than 33 combinations in which those 11 states could divide to produce a

Constitutional solution

President Bush nor Sen. John Kerry will get the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency.

THE SOLUTION: The 12th Amendment states that when there's no electoral vote majority, the House of Representatives elects the president and the Senate the vice president.

WHAT THAT MEANS: Since the House is and will probably remain in Republican hands, it would almost certainly choose to keep Bush in the

HOW IT CAME ABOUT: The framers of the Constitution were sure they had covered all the bases. The election of 1800 proved them wrong. Thomas Jefferson was the Democratic-Republi-can Party's nominee for president in that year, and Aaron Burr the party's vice-presidential choice.

But because their electors wrote both their names on their ballots, they ended up in a tie under the original method of awarding the presidency to the man getting the most votes and the vice presi-

Both Jefferson and Burr each got 73 votes. The Federalist candidate, John Adams, received 65. The Founding Fathers, it turns out, did not anticipate the formation of political parties, and did not create a way to elect the president and vice president independently. It took the 16 states in the House 36 bal-lots over seven days in 1801 to finally elect Jefferson

president and Burr his vice president To avoid a repeat, the 12th Amendment was rati-

fied in 1804, specifying that electors would vote separately for president and vice president.

- The Associated Press

are preparing for a narrow - and

possibly split - decision. Jim Jor-

dan, former Kerry campaign man-

ager now working on a Democrat-

ic vote mobilization effort, puts

the odds at one in three that Bush

will share the fate Al Gore suf-

fered in 2000: a popular-vote win but an electoral loss. "It's actually

looking more and more plausi-

ble," he said, citing a number of

polls showing a Bush lead nation-

ally but a Kerry lead in many bat-

the popular vote but winning the

electoral count - is considered

A repeat of 2000 — Bush losing

tleground states

less likely because the president has been boosting his support in already Republican states and reducing his deficit in some safely Democratic states.

Even without an electoral-popular split, there is room for electoral mischief. To begin with, there are the 33 scenarios under which the battleground states could line up so that Kerry and Bush are in an electoral tie. Even if only the six most fiercely contested states are considered - Florida, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin - the electoral vote would be tied if Kerry wins New Hampshire, Minnesota and Florida while Bush wins New Mexico, Wisconsin and Ohio

Under the 12th Amendment, if one candidate does not get 270 votes, the decision goes to the House, where each state would get a vote - a formula that would guarantee a Bush victory (the Senate picks the vice president).

House-decided election could produce even more protests than the 2000 election did That, writes Ryan Lizza of the New Republic, who spelled out 17 scenarios under which the election could end in an electoral tie, is perhaps the only way "for a second Bush term to seem more illegitimate in the eyes of Democrats than his first term

269 to 269 electoral tie.

Normally, such outcomes are strictly theoretical. But not this time, with the election seemingly so close and unpredictable.

"Flukey things probably happen in every election but because most are not close nobody pays any attention," said Charles Cook an elections handicapper. "But when it's virtually a tied race, hell, what isn't important?

Cook says this election is on course to match 2000's distinction of having five states decided by less than half a percentage point It is still possible that the vote

on Tuesday will produce a clear winner of both the electoral and popular votes. But if the winner's margin is small - less than 1 percent of the popular vote is a rule of thumb - the odds increase that the quirks of the electoral college could again decide the presidency and again raise doubts about a president's legitimacy

"Let us hope for a wide victory by one of the two: the alternative is too awful to contemplate," said Walter Berns, an electoral college specialist at the American Enter prise Institute

But many political strategists

Allegiances passionate but split for families of U.S. troops slain in Iraq

SALEM, Ore. - In the year and a half since her son died in Iraq, Ar-lene Walters has transformed her living room into a shrine

Paintings of Sgt. Donald Walters in uniform adorn the walls. His Purple Heart, Silver Star and POW medals sit in a glass case. A banner with a single gold star - signifying the loss of a family member in a war - hangs in the window

After her son's death, Walters be came an outspoken critic of what she considered President Bush's poor planning for the war. But it's not enough to sway her vote.

"Don was willing to do this, he thought it had to be done, so I had to support him." said Walters. 67 who voted for Bush in 2000 and plans to do so again. "I have to support it because he gave his life for

As casualties continue to mount in Iraq, some who lost family members in the war have switched their political allegiance from President Bush to Democrat John Kerry. One former Bush supporter from Birmingham, Ala., has actively campaigned against the president at antiwar rallies since her son's

But many more - Republicans and Democrats alike - say the experience simply reinforced their

with the administration and how these kids have been used and abused and sacrificed for nothing," said Annette Pritchard, an Oregon City Democrat who opposed the war before and after the death of her nephew, Pfc. William Ramirez

"This war's being fought by poor kids. That's who's over there

Lorraine and Michael Earley have attracted attention in Wilmington. Ohio, with their yard display that includes a photo of their dead son, Army Sgt. Steven D. Conover, and a sign that reads: "Flush the Johns on Nov. 2." referring to Kerry and his running mate. John Edwards

The Earleys placed a toilet near

"Bush didn't kill my son," said Lorraine Earley, 44, who voted for Bush in 2000. "My son made a choice. Yeah, my son was killed. He was killed so that we would be

In interviews with the AP, many who lost family members in Iraq said they disapprove of Bush's handling of the war, like more than half of likely voters in a recent AI poll. But several said they would vote for Bush nonetheless.

Others want to do what they can to keep more soldiers from dying - and they think that means elect-



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Officer: No order given to secure arms

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING

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The Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - A U.S. military unit that reached a munitions storage installation after the invasion of Iraq had no orders to search or secure the site, where officials say nearly 400 tons of explosives have vanished.

When troops from the 101st Airborne Divion's 2nd Brigade arrived at the Al-Qaqaa installation south of Baghdad a day or so after other coalition troops seized the capital on April 9, 2003, there were already looters throughout the facility, Lt. Col. Fred Wellman, deputy public affairs officer for the unit, told The Associated Press.

The soldiers "secured the area they were in and looked in a limited amount of bunkers to ensure chemical weapons were not present in their area," Wellman wrote in an e-mail to the AP

"Bombs were found but not chemical weapons in that immediate area. Orders were not given from higher to search or to secure the facility or to search for HE type munitions, as they (high-explosive weapons) were every where in Iraq," he wrote.

The 101st Airborne was at least the second military unit to arrive at Al-Qaqaa after the U.S.-led invasion began. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told The Washington Post that the 3rd Infantry Division reached the site around April 3, fought with Iraqi forces and occupied the site. It left after two days for Baghdad, the Post reported Wednesday

AP correspondent Chris Tomlinson, who was embedded with the 3rd Infantry but didn't go to Al-Qaqaa, described the search of Iraqi military facilities south of Baghdad

Unit stopped at Al-Qaqaa on way to Baghdad

as brief, cursory missions to seek out hostile

roops, not to inventory or secure weapons. The enormous size of the bases, the rapid pace of the advance on Baghdad and a limit-ed number of troops made it impossible for U.S. commanders to allocate any soldiers to guard any of the facilities after making a

check. Tomlinson said The disappearance of the explosives was first reported in Monday's New York Times and has subsequently become a heated issue in the U.S. presidential campaign.

Sen. John Kerry's campaign called the dis-appearance the latest in a "tragic series of blunders" in Iraq by President Bush's admin-

Vice President Dick Cheney raised the pos sibility the explosives disappeared before U.S. soldiers could secure the site, and he complained that Kerry does not mention the 400,000 tons of weapons and explosives that

our troops have captured." Two weeks ago, Iraqi officials told the In ternational Atomic Energy Agency that the explosives vanished from the al-Qaqaa installation as a result of "theft and looting ... due to lack of security." The ministry's letter said the explosives were stolen sometime after co-

alition forces took control of Baghda The disappearance, which the IAEA reported to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, has raised questions about why the United States didn't do more to secure the facility and failed to allow full international inspec-tions to resume after the invasion.

Russia, citing the disappearance, called on

the Security Council to discuss the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq. But the United States said American inspectors were investigating the loss and that there was no need for U.N. experts to return.

Russian U.N. Ambassador Andrei Denisov insisted that raising the issue in the council was "practical," not political, saying the ex-

plosives posed a danger.

The explosives at Al-Qaqaa had been ised in storage bunkers at the facility. U.N. nuclear inspectors placed fresh seals over the bunker doors in January 2003. The inspectors visited Al-Qaqaa for the last time on March 15, 2003, and reported that the seals were not broken — therefore, the weapons were still there at the time.

The team then pulled out of the country in

advance of the invasion.

The Al-Qaqaa munitions included HMX and RDX, key components in plastic explosives, which insurgents in Iraq have used in bomb attacks. But HMX is also a "dual use" substance powerful enough to ignite the fissile material in an atomic bomb and set off a nuclear chain reaction.

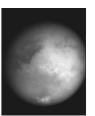
NBC correspondent Lai Ling Jew, who was with the 101st, told MSNBC that "there

wasn't a search" of Al-Qaqaa.

"The mission that the brigade had was to get to Baghdad," she said. "As far as we could tell, there was no move to secure the weapons, nothing to keep looters away."

Wellman, the 101st Airborne spokesman,

said he does not know if any troops at the facility once combat troops from the 2nd Brigade left.



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An image taken Sunday by the US-European spacecraft Cassini reveals the bright, continent-sized terrain on Saturn's moon Titan.

Spacecraft's lens captures Saturn moon

BY JOHN ANTCZAK The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. - The international Cassini spacecraft began unveiling Saturn's mysterious sidekick Titan with a stream of increasingly sharp pictures of the surface taken during a flyby with-in 745 miles of the hazy moon.

Distinct dark and bright surface areas were apparent in pic-tures arriving at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory late Tuesday.

Scientists were thrilled, but admitted they could only speculate about what they were seeing. They could not say whether there is any liquid on the surface or whether the moon has distinct topography or is flat.

Scientists hoped the pictures and instrument data would show whether the hazy hydrocarbon skies of Titan have been concealing oceans or lakes of methane and ethane, which theories say could rain out of its skies.

Deal spares Malvo death in sniper killing

The Associated Press

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va. - Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo avoided the death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole under a plea deal for one of 10 slayings that terrorized the Washington area in October 2002. Malvo, 19, could still face a

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death penalty prosecution for other slavings.

He was sentenced Tuesday for the Oct. 11, 2002, killing of businessman Kenneth Bridges. He also received a life sentence for the shooting of Caroline Seawell on Oct. 4, 2002. She recovered

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Malvo already is serving a life sentence for another one of the killings, and dropped his appeals of that conviction in connection with Tuesday's plea bargain.

Malvo's guilty plea took the form of an Alford plea, in which Malvo did not admit factual guilt but acknowledged the government has sufficient evidence to convict him. He cannot appeal the sentence

Malvo declined to make a statement before he was sentenced.

Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney William Neely said the victims' families supported the plea bargain.





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Unemployment declines in Free to disagree eight battleground states

BY LEIGH STROPE The Associated Pres-

WASHINGTON - Unemployment declined in September in eight of 10 states hotly contested in the presidential race — including Ohio, where job losses and a weak economy have boosted Democrat John Kerry's election hopes

Last week's Labor Department report on regional and state employment in September was the last snap shot of the labor market before the election

Jobless rates also declined last month in the other states up for grabs by Kerry and President Bush in their race to 270 electoral votes: Pennsylvania, Florida, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Nevada and Colorado. Rates climbed in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Overall, unemployment rates fell in 23 states, rose in 22 states and held steady in five. Jobs were added last month in 33 states, lost in 16 states and were unchanged in one

Bush and Kerry are focused on nearly a dozen states where polls show the race especially tight. Polls suggest the race is close nationally as well, but most states are now decided.

In Ohio, which Bush narrowly won in 2000, the unemployment rate fell to 6 percent from 6.3 percent in August, mostly because jobseekers dropped out of the

labor pool. The national rate is 5.4 percent. Ohio employers' payrolls grew by 5,500 last month, but the state still lags far behind in jobs, losing 232,100 since Bush took office in January 2001. No Re-

publican has won the White House without Ohio. "Manufacturing is the heartbeat of the Midwest, and there's no question that manufacturing is still struggling," said Anthony Chan, senior economist with JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management in Columbus, Ohio

Manufacturing employment in Ohio fell last month to its lowest level in decades with 823 700 workers on factory payrolls, down 174,300 since January 2001.

September unemployment rates

September unemployment rates in battleound states important to next month's presidential election (national rate is 5.4 percent):

Arizona: 4.8 percent Arkansas: 5.5 percent

Colorado: 4.9 percent Florida: 4.5 percent

Iowa: 4.7 percent
Maine: 4.7 percent
Michigan: 6.8 percent
Minnesota: 4.6 percent Missouri: 5.6 percent

Nevada: 3.9 percent New Hampshire: 3.5 percent New Mexico: 5.3 percent

North Carolina: 4.8 percent Ohio: 6 percent Oregon: 7.3 percent Pennsylvania: 5.3 percent

Washington: 5.6 percent West Virginia: 5 percent

Wisconsin: 5 percent Source: Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics

about 70,000 jobs so far this year. But there are 2.7 million fewer manufacturing jobs in the United States since January 2001.

"We are definitely going to see a turn" in manufac-turing, Chan said. "But ... it's not going to be fast enough to be evident before the election."

Last week Bush, campaigning in Canton, Ohio, touted the tax bill he recently signed into law. "I signed a bill that's going to help our manufacturers — that will save \$77 billion over the next 10 years for the manu-

facturing sector of America," Bush said. "That will help keep jobs here. Kerry often has criticized Bush as the first president since the Depression to lose jobs on his watch.

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with SUV buyers

Dear Tom and Ray:

You mentioned in a recent column that you are often critical of people who don't need SUVs or other behemoth trucks but buy them anyway. I consider you two to be reasonably intelligent, but what's with this liberal wackiness? Isn't this America, where one can drive any vehicle de sired? By the way, I drive a Mitsubishi Eclipse. I can't see around those huge SUVs during the day, and at night, their head lights shine right into my eyes. And they

could squash Click and Clack me like a bug. Still, I don't feel I have any

right to dictate which vehicle someone chooses to drive. How do I know what someone else truly needs? - Randall

TOM: This certainly is America, Randall. That's why we're entitled to give lousy, ill-informed, misleading and generally inflammatory advice through the media, and sound absolutely certain of ourselves while doing so. It's a great American tradition!

RAY: Actually, you ask a fair uestion, Randall, and here's how I'd answer it: We have absolutely no power to dictate what people drive, but we do give our opinion when people ask us for it.

TOM: During the past 10 years. a lot of people have called or written to us when they've been tempt-ed to buy an SUV. People saw SUVs as fashionable - friends or neighbors had them. People also perceived them as safe. And, of course, if you drove one, you wouldn't have to worry about seeing over other people - they would have to worry about seeing over von.

RAY: What a lot of people didn't seem to know about SUVs is that they're not all that safe (more rollover deaths than other

types of vehicles), they drink gas, they handle badly, ride uncomfortably, are hard to park, they're a danger to other cars, and they're responsible for so many ripped inseams (from people trying to get up into them) that they've been endorsed by NHTSA ... the Northern Hemisphere Tailors and Seamstresses Association

TOM: Having test-driven a lot of SUVs, we found that they're a lot like hula hoops: The novelty wears off pretty quickly. So, that's

information we want our readers know. In fact, the other day

my brother was testing a Lexus GX470, a luxury SUV. I test-driving a Kia Spectra, a little South Korean-made shoe box. He was begging me to swap with

RAY: I couldn't take it anymore! All that swaying around and bumping up and down, and I was down to my last pair of unripped khakis.

TOM: Now, if people know all that and decide that they want one anyway, we have no say over it. Nor should we. We are just of the opinion that if you don't really need an SUV (and that's your decision), you might not want to make all the compromises that owning one entails. We feel an obligation to share that opinion with our readers who ask.

RAY: And since this is America, those who disagree with us are welcome to use our column to line the bottom of their bird cages. Or buy Rupert Murdoch's media empire and fire us. Was that a knock at the door?

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

'Hope floats' won't suffice

NEW YORK - It's time to get into the habit of balancing your checkbook better

The so-called Check 21 will go into effect Thursday, changing several elements of check pro cessing. Checks now will be converted into digital images, called substitute checks, and processed electronically through the banking system.

What this means for you is that your checks will be clearing much faster, says Tom Kunz, se nior vice president for PNC Financial Services Group. You need to stay on your toes, especially if vou write checks assuming vou'll

have a few days' "float" time be fore those checks clear. "Don't count on that float," Kunz warns.

Some banks may send you substitute checkswith your monthly bank statement. Other banks may simply allow you to access the digital images of your checks through their Web sites.

If you have a checking account Kunz recommends that you ask your bank how it will be handling the new law. He singled out four questions to ask - namely, will you receive substitute checks every month; how will the bank handle overdraft charges as you get accustomed to quicker check processing; will existing bank services be quicker, and what new services may be offered?

FRIDAY EVENING / OCTOBER 29 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

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| J | 6PM | 6:30 | 7PM | 7:30 | 8PM | 8:30 | 9PM | 9:30 | 10PM | 10:30 | 11PM | 11:30 |
| AFN-P | •ESPNews | Pacific Report | King of the Hill "Phish and Wildlife" Hank's survival teachings. | That '70s Show "The Kids Are Al- right" Eric has sec- ond thoughts. | The Apprentice (C | C) | Survivor: Vanuatu, "Anger, Threats, Tea (CC) | Islands of Fire irs and Coffee" (N) | Pacific Report | The Tonight Show | (CC) | Late Show (CC) |
| AFN-ATL | | | Headline News | Judge Judy (CC) | Today (CC) | | • | | Baby Looney | Rocko's Modern | The Fairly Odd- | The Brothers Gar- cia (CC) |
| NEWS | | | The O'Reilly Facto | r (CC) | Good Morning Am | erica (CC) | | | Headline News | Channel One | The Early Show (C | |
| SPORTS | ●(4:00) Sports | | SportsCenter | | NFL Total Access | 1 | •Sports | | | | Baseball Tonight | |
| SPEC | Goin' to Praiseland" | Raymond Ray em- | pair of go-go boots | ck" Paige tries on a and is transported | a platonic date; Ron | nnie confronts a | Arctic Mission "Per tic culture. | ople of the Ice" Arc- | ball game on | port romance | The Daily Show (CC) | Blind Date (CC) |
| | SpongeBob | Rugrats (CC) | ChalkZone (CC) | The Weekenders | Jimmy Neutron | All That | Lizzie McGuire | Sabrina-Witch | Switched! (CC) | Radio-Roscoe | The Cosby Show | |
| AFN-MOV | | Ent. Tonight | | | | | | | | | | |
| TMC | posed" (2003) Brenda Strong. | Sherilyn Fenn, Carla their perfect mates. | a Gugino. Mismatche 'R' (CC) | d lovers search for | Vaughn, Ron Living lovelorn friend's res | ston. Hip-thinking but cue. 'R' (CC) | ddies swagger to a | and an American sp | y track a North Kore | an villain. 'PG-13' (Ci | C) | |
| PBS | Quetzal opens his magic book. (EI) | (DVS) | (CC) | | (N) (CC) | With Fortune (N) (CC) | and the 2004 presid (CC) | lential election. (N) | Unfiltered (N) (CC) | Report (N) (CC) | | |
| SHOW | 'PG-13' (CC) | | | | (N) (CC) | Around the Edges | to the Sentients. (N) | (CC) | Mason fight for Dais | y's affection. (CC) | Alec Baldwin. A psy detective's stolen be | chotic thief uses a adge. 'R' (CC) |
| A&E | Black Widow" A heal shoots her husband. | th-care consultant | mer Sheriff Ken Arra with murder. (CC) | Vigilante Dad" For- asmith is charged | the Edge" Triumph a Richard Pryor's care | and tragedy in eer. (CC) | Words" (CC) | | Show" (CC) | aufman's Really Big | Men serving time m cence. (CC) | |
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| CNN-I | Larry King Live (CO | 0) | CNNI World News | ●World Sport | Business Internati | | Asia Tonight | Biz Asia | CNNI World News | ●World Sport | Biz Asia | The Music Room |
| GOLF | | | | | | | Golf Channel Academy | ●Golf Central | Golf Channel Academy | From Sotogrande, S | Spain. (Live) | |
| TLC | Clean Sweep' Sport | s equipment and | equipment and thinks her husband should be fixing Bedroom" Bedroom inspired by classic | | inspired by classic | What Not to Wear * pounds. (N) (CC) | 'Ellyn' Ellyn lost 120 | Shawn lay plans for | a wedding with an | Clean Sweep "Sport Books and sports m space. | ts of All Sorts" remorabilia dominate | |
| TOON | Samurai Jack | Dexter's Laborato- ry | Mucha Lucha | Teen Titans | | | artoon shorts. | Looney Tunes | I Am Weasel | Sheep in the Big City | Detective Squad | |
| ANPL | ya Rescue" Catching | and relocating ani- | the animal kingdom | built by Mother Na- | Animal Zone "Heat heat stroke. (CC) | Wave Pupples with | World Gone Wild V rescuing a fur seal; | Valking like a wattle; bear. | Dog with a chain en | bedded in its neck: | Animal Zone "Heat heat stroke. (CC) | Wave* Pupples with |
| СОМ | Women on Top Creating new stan- dards. (CC) | Crossballs The treatment of ani- mals. (CC) | The Daily Show Matthew Broderick. (CC) | Mad TV "Funky Wal "Antonia: Heart Atta (CC) | ker/Dirty Talker"; ck"; "Parker Sisters." | Comedy Central Presents Rich Vos. (CC) | Jim Breuer: Hardo a comic look at his l | ook at his life. (CC) stand-up comic gives biting on what annoys him most: | | s biting commentary | ** "The Queens Comics Laura Haye more and others pe | s, Mo'Nique, Som- |
| NGC-A | To Be Announced | | Snake Wranglers | Croc Chronicles | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | Indonesia Beyond the Reef | | | Death by Natural Causes | |
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| FOX | ington investigates the | ne suicide of a | St. Elsewhere "Hea as a doctor; Ehrlich | assists Craig in a | MLB Baseball Am Park in Boston. (Live | nerican League Chan e) (CC) | | | | | | |
| BET | 106 & Park: BET's 1 | Top 10 Live Christina | a Milian video. | BET.com Count- down | *% "Love Come Do Brothers take difference of the company of the compa | own" (2000, Drama) ent paths to overcome | Larenz Tate, Deboral a a family tragedy. | h Cox. Premiere. | Club Comic View * Gary Owen* Gary C | Spotlight Comic: Iwen. | BET Nightly News (CC) | BET Style |
| COURT | | From the Case | Cops Police pursue drivers in stolen cars. (CC) | Cops A deputy pur- sues a motorcyclist. (CC) | The Investigators | 'Good Girl, Bad Girl' | Forensic Files | Forensic Files Forensic odontolo- gist. | Forensic Files Mysterious murder probed. | I, Detective "Dan- gerous Relations" | The Investigators " Town" | Mystery in a Small |
| STR-WLD | | | Star News Focus Asia | Just Shoot Me (CC) | Wrestling | | Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC) | When Hidden Cameras Attack | Nash Bridges (CC) | | Just Shoot Me (CC) | Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC) |
| LIFE | Blanche's father | The Golden Girls Rose's blind sister visits. (CC) | * * * "Forever You Wood. Premiere. A (CC) | ing" (1992, Fantasy) 1930s test pilot awak | Mel Gibson, Jamie L ens in the modern-da | ee Curtis, Elijah ay United States. | "Resurrection" (19 woman awakens wit | 99, Drama) Dana De th the power to heal | elany, Rita Moreno, B after nearly dying. (O | renda Fricker. A C) (DVS) | Merge (CC) | 10.07 |
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| HIST | Dead Men's Secret: vice coordinated ele during WWII. (CC) | s The Allies'Y Ser- ctronic surveillance | | | Heavy Metal "P-51 Mustang takes on the | Mustang!" The P-51 he worst. (CC) | Decisive Battles The oldest record- ed battle. (N) | Command Deci- sions Civil War turning point. (N) | | m weapons. (CC) | Conspiracy? "Maje Cover-Up" Mysterio Roswell, N.M. (CC) | us incident in |
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2:30 MLB World Series Digest (6)(if neces-sary) 2:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Astronaut's Wife (2:03)(8) (233)(8) 2:50 U.S. Movie (1988): Full Moon in Blue Water (1:50)(10) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1994): Clifford (1:50)(12) 3:40 CBS Documentary (6)

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1:40 MotoGP: 15th Round, Australian GP High-lights 2:05 Asian News 3:20 World Amazing Sports 3:50 PBS NewsHour 4:40 Asian News 5:00 Top News from Around the World

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 9-30 Aerobiscs 10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Or-chestra Concert (conductor: Vladimir Evening) 7-00 NHK News 600 U.S. Movile (1995): First Knight (2:20) 12:30 Classical Music: NHK Music Festival 2004 (conductor: Lorin Mazer)

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Morning 6:00 Wake Up 7:00 M Size Thursday

7:00 M Size Thurs 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 Classic 90s 1:00 Screen

12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City
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Climarron (1:30)
4:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Knockaround Guys
(1:34)
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10:10 U.S. Movie (1978): Halloween (1:35)

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Morning 9:00 MLB: World Series Game 5 — Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals (if neces-sary)

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Vaccine woes trip public-health alarm

age of influenza vaccine is more than a story on the nightly news. As the mother of three children. she knows that her house will be incapacitated for a week if -

lane R. Fisner

flu arrives. Worse, as a primary-care physician, she has several thousand high-risk patients who are now without an inoculation that could save their lives.

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Five years ago, there wasn't much interest in the vaccine: now it is more precious than a winning

lottery ticket, and its distribution seems just as random. Oler has heard of vaccinations offered at supermarkets, pharmacies and prisons, but her clinic at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School

Having none makes it easier to turn down low-risk friends and neighbors looking for an under-the-table shot. It also makes her furious

"This should be something we should bank on for our government to provide for us, and they completely dropped the ball," she says.

From her front line, the public is dropping out of public health.

So far, this flu vaccine panic has pro duced little more than long lines and frustrated physicians. But it should iolt us from the complacent thinking that all the market needs is a little push (and fewer lawsuits) to care for the common good.

Vaccines are not Viagra. The goal isn't on the individual level — it's the protection of public health. Yet while there's no lack of supply of drugs treating erectile dysfunction, the United States relied on only two suppliers for this year's flu vac cine. And when one of them, the American-owned Chiron was shut down by the British government because of contamination, the supply was nearly halved and the panic began.

Lesson number one is so painfully obvious, you have to wonder why it wasn't ed earlier: Reliance on only a couple of sources for a vaccine this important is foolish, dangerous, or both, Most European nations contract with a num ber of suppliers and so were far less vulnerable when Chiron's product was harred

The second lesson also should be self-evident: The market needs incentives to produce such a low-profit, highly perishable product.

Some countries have buy-back plans, guaranteeing that leftover stocks will be purchased and reducing the corporate risk of making too much of a vaccine that is good for only one year. Last week, Health and Human Services Secretary



THE SHREVEPORT (LA.) TIMES/AF

Dozens of people wait in line at the Bossier Parish Health Unit to receive flu vaccinations Monday in Shreveport, La.

Tommy Thompson belatedly endorsed the concept of a federal commitment to nurchase a guaranteed number of vaccine doses each year. But it's still only a

concent The third lesson is the most difficult to

acknowledge and address

Our health-care system isn't a system so much as a hodgepodge of interests that work together only when they so desire. The competition pushes along research and development in areas that make us the envy of the world, but it also creates a Darwinian drama when demand far outstrips supply, as those who most need a vaccine are often the least likely to get it

So Philadelphia's Mayor John Street and his equally healthy colleagues in Congress obtain flu shots because they (in the mayor's words) "shake a lot of hands," but the old and disabled stand in line for hours and can only shake their heads at a society that cares little if they become deathly ill.

Darwin cannot be in charge of distribution. Neither can Mother Nature. This year's hysteria and price gouging are a dry run for a far worse scenario of bioterrorism. There's a lot of rhetoric about a bioterror attack, but little willingness to get beyond our market ideology and craft for government that would ensure a steady supply of vaccine to those who need it the most. Many experts are ask ing: If we can't get this right for the flu, how will we respond to devastation of a pandemic?

"We have the tools, the talent, the resources, Octavio Ramilo, an infectious disease spe-cialist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. "We have to be

less politicized, more organized. And soon. Thailand recently announced the first possible human-to-huma

n transmission of dangerous avian flu that has decimated millions of hirds in Asia and killed three-quarters of the humans who contracted

from the sick birds. If that lethal strain becomes contagious, can we bank on the government to protect us

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OPINION

The 'real job' is keeping Teresa Kerry quiet

BY MICHAEL GOODWIN New York Daily News

n the spirit of the Kerry campaign official who declared Vice President Cheney's lesbian daughter "fair game," let us turn to the question of whether John Kerry's wife is fit to be first lady

The issue is "fair game" because of how Teresa Heinz Kerry is behaving. Already wildly unpopular — her approval rating is an anemic 30 percent - she did the political equivalent of mooning her neighbors last week by insulting first lady Laura Bush. Said Heinz Kerry in an interview: "I don't know that she's ever had a real job - I mean, since she's been grown up.'

The incident, including a quick apology for forgetting Bush was a teacher, librari an and full-time mother, was a one-day wonder because Laura Rush brushed it off. But it was not an isolated event. It fit a pattern Heinz Kerry established with a series of breezy putdowns and oddball rants

There was the blast at the "scumbags" who criticize her, the claim that "only an idiot" wouldn't like her husband's health care plan and her goofy suggestion that Caribbean hurricane victims "go naked for a while" until food was delivered.

My favorite came on her recent visit to Nevada to discuss health care. The 40-minute speech, per her usual rambling, it's-all-about-me style, included her remedy for arthritis: "You get some gin and get some white raisins only white raisins — and soak them in the gin for two weeks. Then eat nine of the rai sins a day.

Got it - not eight raisins, not 10 raisins,

She's a fan of Botox, Armani and Chanel, calls herself "cheeky" and "sexy," but Kerry aides have heart palpitations every time she opens her mouth. Even some New York backers are con-

"We could have a bona fide head case as first lady," said a supporter.

"She's weird," says another. "She looks

like she's on Prozac or something Radio man Don Imus, as usual, said what others can't: A Kerry supporter. Imus wondered whether Teresa is "too

crazy to be first lady." I've been wondering myself. After watching her on several occasions and after following her antics on the trail. I've concluded she's not crazy. She's a rich. spoiled brat.

And because she's so rich — a billionaire, with five houses, a private jet and income of perhaps \$50 million a year - she is used to being feared by the help and flattered by supplicants who hope she'll sprinkle a few pennies their way. The re-cipient of such bowing and scraping naturally begins to feel wise, even superior.

Arrogance is thus born.

Arrogance is what former Texas Gov. Ann Richards spotted in a privileged George H.W. Bush. The former president, Richards said, woke up on third base and thought he'd hit a triple.

But Heinz Kerry's arrogance is different. Worldly and intelligent, she exhibits a presumptiveness that recalls 19th century robber barons who believed their wealth proved they were divinely blessed, and that the poor, too, got what they deserved



Speeches she's given, including at the party's Boston convention, were mostly about her, as if her life is inspiring. She has a habit of lecturing, skips from topic to topic and tends to speak quietly, so you'll just have to listen harder.

Not to worry — there's not much to hear. Her story, stripped of hyperbole. comes to this: She was the child of privilege, and now she is the adult of privilege. Her doctor father was rich and so was her first, late husband. All her money is inherited. After her marriage in 1966 to John

Heinz, heir to the ketchup fortune, she quit her job as a translator and settled into the pampered world of the super-rich. So she hasn't had a real job for 40

Oh, yes, she does give away Heinz money. She calls herself a philanthropist. Not exactly a job ordinary Americans can relate to. Or a first lady.

On balance, Kerry's military philosophy more fair

BY JOHN B. OUIGLEY

COLUMBUS, Ohio n defense policy, John Kerry doesn't have to do much to look better than President Bush.

Our current president surrounded himself with ideologues committed to controlling the world. He blurred the line between keeping the country safe and promoting corporations that profit from the resources of other countries

Backed by this crew, dubbed the "neo-cons," Bush espoused a new and dangerous doctrine of attacking other countries well in advance of an actual attack on us. The invasion of Iraq on phony information shows how easily this doctrine can be

manipulated. John Kerry, as a senator, has generally voted for defense spending.

But he says he will use military force only when it is seriously necessary to pro-tect the country. He voted to authorize Bush to invade Iraq but criticizes Bush for misusing intelligence information and failing to gain the support of key allies.

President Bush now tries to justify his invasion of Iraq by saying that he is successfully fighting terrorism by taking the war to the place where terrorists are. Kerry, more plausibly, says that terrorism in Iraq has been generated by our occupation.

Despite President Bush's focus on terrorism as a defense priority, he is still fighting the Cold War. His multibillion-dollar pro gram to build a missile defense system, both on the ground and in space, is aimed at a threat from Russia that probably does not exist. Whether the missile defense system would even stop incoming missiles is an open question

Kerry, as a senator, has voted funding for missile defense but does not view it as the priority that Bush does.

"We cannot afford to spend billions," he said on the stump, "to deploy an unproven missile-defense system. Not only is it not ready, but it's the wrong priority for a war on terror where the enemy strikes with a bomb in the back of a truck, or a vial of anthrax in a briefcase.

The Iraq invasion has made the United States less safe. By bringing the United States into disrepute, especially in the Middle East, President Bush has left us more vulnerable to attack. More people are willing now to give up their own lives to attack U.S. targets. Beyond this circle of activists stand millions who support them morally and financially

Simply by avoiding the belligerence that characterizes Bush, Kerry can reduce anti-U.S. hatred and thus the risk of attacks

Kerry has made a point of saving that he will try to reduce anti-U.S. hatred. However, Kerry will have to avoid Bush's strong tilt in favor of Israel in the Israeli-Palestin ian conflict if he wants to improve the U.S. image in the Middle East. To date, Kerry has given little indication he would do anything different from Bush on Israel-Pales

One issue that generates anti-U.S. resentment on which Kerry might do better than Bush is abuse of prisoners by our troops. President Bush whitewashed the atrocities at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad as the acts of a few "bad apples" among our troops. Bush ignored internal memoranda

that prove that the signal to torture came from the top of our defense establishment. Kerry has a record, from his Vietnam days, of opposing atrocities. He is a better bet than Bush to deal appropriately with a situation like Abu Ghraib

As to the welfare of our troops, Kerry is attuned to the hardships that military action brings to service personnel and their

Bush calls them heroes but does little to ease their burdens.

Both candidates say they would not institute a military draft, but Kerry's promise is more credible, since he would be less like. ly to commit troops to unnecessary wars.

Bush's sorry record on defense wasn't the result of a plan to make an opponent

hn B. Quigley is a professor of law Ohio State University.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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No tiger charges

WEST PALM BEACH - Prosecutors have decided not to charge a former Tarzan actor in the escape of a 600-pound tiger last July.

A state wildlife officer shot and killed the tiger July 13 after the big cat allegedly lunged at him following a 26-hour hunt for his capture.

Investigators had filed a probable cause affidavit charging Steve Sinek with allowing captive wildlife to escape and caus-

ing a threat to the public.
But prosecutors filed a court document saving they were unable to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Sipek negligently allowed the tiger to escape, The Miami Herald reported

The state also couldn't disprove Sipek's allegation that someone else let the tiger out of the compound, Palm Beach County Assistant State Attorney Paul Zacks wrote in the document.

Subscribe to lotto

NH CONCORD — State residents soon won't have to go to the store to buy their lottery tick ets. Starting Nov. 1, New Hamp-shire Powerball players will be able to buy subscriptions to the game. Lottery Director Rick Wisler says New Hampshire is the first state to offer the season tickets for Powerball. The subscrip-tions are available for 26, 52, or 104 drawings.

Question added to bar

WA RICHLAND — The state Bar Association governing body voted to add a question on American Indian law to the state bar exam. Washington is the second state, after New Mexico, to re quire lawyers to understand tribal law The first har evam with the new question will be given in the summer of 2007.

What's in a name?

TX LUBBOCK — GOP candi-date Randy Neugebauer is getting the word out on how to pronounce his name. Apparently, though, the National Republican Congressional Committee hasn't

that poke fun at people's struggle ads, set in an old-fashioned barber shop in a small Texas town, have several people bandying about how to say "Neugebauer." (The correct pronunciation NAW'-guh-bow-ur).

By the end of the ad, people

But a recorded telephone mes sage in calls to District 19 constituents last weekend by the NRCC repeatedly mispronounced the Lubbock candidate's name. The man's voice pronounced (NOO'-guh-bow-ur).

Chris Paulitz, a spokesman for the NRCC, said the mispronunciation has been corrected. He declined to say how many calls with the mispronunciation were made

"We never discuss our October

Neugebauer, who has served in the House since June 2003, faces longtime U.S. Rep. Charlie Sten-

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ROUNDUP

Burial cave investigated

HONOLULU — Federal and state investigators have

examined a Big Island burial cave to determine if Hawaiian artifacts

are missing and for sale on the

Members of Native Hawaiian

groups who are claimants to the cave and their private investiga-

tors were present when the Kanu-

pa cave in the Big Island's Kohala

Donald Wong, chief investigator

for the attorney general's office, said he was not at liberty to say

what was found. But he said investi

gators found what they expected.

of Interior are conducting separate

investigations into how valuable ar-

tifacts from the cave and from sev

eral other collections have alleged-

ly shown up for sale on the antiques black market within the last

The federal government is the

lead agency in the investigation,

Wong said, but the state attorney

general may become involved, de-

The federal investigators initiat-

state followed after a picture of the

unsealed cave appeared in the Ho-

Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawaii,

which reburied items in the cave

in November 2003, pushed the

state to seal the entrance and inves-

nolulu Star-Bulletin in August The Native Hawaiian group Hui

their probe last spring. The

pending on what is found.

The state and U.S. Department

area was opened on Friday.

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KY CHATTA-NOOGA man who gave up one of his kidneys in response to a commercial Web site solicitation said he would be willing to take a lie detector test to show he did not sell the organ, despite claims to the contrary.

In an Oct. 20 operation in Colorado, Rob Smitty, 32, gave a kidney to a man who had needed a transplant since

1999 due to kidney disease. The recipient, Bob Hickey, met Smitty through MatchingDo-nors.com, a Web site created to match donors and recipients for a fee. Hickey paid the Web site \$295 a month for three months to nost his plea. Both men have said there was no payment for the kidney, which would be a violation of federal law. There are no laws against soliciting an organ.

Drive-through flu shots

AR MAGNOLIA — Hundreds of Medicare patients rolled down their windows and rolled up their sleeves to get a flu shot while sitting in their cars at a drive-through clinic.

Magnolia Hospital inoculated more than 370 people in about 90 minutes in the hospital parking lot. and traffic backed up as people showed up early for the limited number of shots

The first patient arrived five hours before the temporary drive-through clinic opened. More than 100 shots were administered in the first half hour: when the sunply ran out, a line of cars still stretched down the street.

"People have been nice, they've been patient, understanding and cooperative," said hospital administrator Kirk Reamey.

Getting tough on DUIs

WY CHEYENNE — The gover-nor's Council on Impaired Driving is recommending tougher penalties for people who have children with them when they drink and drive. The 40-member council was established more than a year ago. It wants tougher penalties if impaired driver 18 years or older drives with anyone under 16 as a passenger.

MBA program launched

MD COLLEGE PARK — The University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business is starting two MBA pro-grams in China. The school will launch an 18-month executive program in Shanghai in January. Officials plan to start a custom program in Tianiin next month designed for senior managers of Otis Elevators China, one of the country's fastest-growing multinational cornorations

Guards for mayor?

IN LAWRENCE — Some City Council members are questioning whether the city should pay for two officers to protect Mayor Deborah Cantwell. Some council members said they would rather see the mayor's bodyguards patrolling the streets. Cantwell said she needs the security because she has received threats. Mayors in Indianapolis and Gary also have bodyguards.



A banana spider's web, saturated by a morning In the web dew, is highlighted by the sun in the Apalachicola nal Forest in Sopchoppy, Fla.



Girl Scouts Kelsey Dennis, 9, Making new friends (foreground in blue) and Emily Marrs, 8, (in red) feed corn kernels to a sheep after going on a hay ride at the DeMoss Pumpkin Farm West of Gilbert, Iowa. The girls belong to two Ames Girls Scout troops who attended the hay ride.

Neugebauer has been airing ads

learn how to say it correctly.

and how much the ad buy cost.

strategy." Paulitz said.

holm, D-Abilene, who has repre-sented District 17 since 1979.



Rocket launch

Tyler Durand, 8, goes airborne while launching a rocket as part of 1st annual third-grade science fair at McGaughey School in Mount Zion, III. Durand's rocket broke the previous school record by traveling 55 feet



Ribbons to remember
at Lincoln-McKinley, helps other students with the task in observance of Red Ribbon week. Supporting a drug-free America, the nationwide program began after DEA agent Kiki Camarena was murdered in Mexico City in 1985. Red Ribbon week runs Oct. 23-31.



Bet that's gonna' leave a stain! Congre Elementary School principal, Barbara Headden of Klamath Falls, Or., left, reacts as third-grader Tyler Alverez dumps peanuts over Headden's head. Students from the school earned the right to turn the principal into a ice cream sundae after they made a profit of \$10,093.23 selling food products in a fund-raiser. The money will be used for new technology for the school and classroom funds.



Not your everyday pumpkin White pumpkins are shown on display at Peck's Farm Markets old orange pumpkins. local growers now offer pumpkins in colors such as white, red and green.

Baby koala causes stir

SC COLUMBIA — It's about the size of a jellybean, but it is the biggest thing to happen at Riverbanks Zoo in quite some time. It is a baby koala.

"I don't think I can adequately describe how excited everyone here is about this," executive director Satch Krantz said.

Zoo veterinarian Dr. Keith Benson spied the healthy, hairless baby in the pouch of Lottie, one of two female koalas at Riverbanks, on Sept. 17. Before he could get back to his office, e-mails were going out around the world with the news.

Riverbanks' two females, Lottie

Riverbanks' two females, Lottle and Killarney, are gifts from South Carolina's sister-state of Queensland in Australia. Japan's Hirakawa Zoo donated the new baby's father, Marai.

Newborn koalas are less than an inch long and weigh a fraction of an ounce. They spend their first months entirely in their mother's pouch, and don't fully leave the pouch until they are around 1½ years old.

Australia is the koala's only na-

Australia is the Rodard Solly Individual rative home and the cute marsupials have become a national symbol. Exportation of the animals is strictly controlled. There are only about 75 in U.S. 200s.

Riverbanks mammal curator John Davis said, "... This is a nice indication that we are succeeding in making a good home for them."

Turnpike talks off

HARRISBURG — Negotiam when between the Pennsylvania Turmpile Commission and its 2,000 unionized workers. No new talks are scheduled. Commission spokesman Carl DeFebo says Teamsters representatives notified turmpile managers they could call a strike say the commission could keep the 531-mile highway open if union workers walk off the job.

Judge extols capture

DALLAS — A judge threw a party complete with balloons, streamers and a cake to welcome a former fugitive back to her court — and sentence him to life in prison.

"You just made my day when I heard you had finally come home," Criminal Courts Judge Faith Johnson told Billy Wayne Williams, who had been convicted in absentia of aggravated assault after the disappeared a year ago. "We're so excited to see you, we're throwing a natty for you."

ing a party for you."
Williams, 53, was accused of choking his girlfriend until she was unconscious. He failed to appear for his trial last November and was recently captured.

Before he was brought into the courtroom, Johnson directed staff members as they placed balloons and streamers around the courtroom. A colorful cake was decorated with his name.

"It seems like everyone wants to have a party, and it's fun for you people, but not for me," Williams told reporters as he was led away in handcuffs.

Calls to the judge's office and the State Bar Association were not immediately returned Tuesday. Williams has a criminal record

dating back to the 1980s, authorities said. During his year on the

run, Williams used disguises, posed as an attorney and used aliases such as "Justin Burroughs" and "Bubba Lee Williams," authorities

DAs' time is up

DENVER — Twelve district attorneys across the state will or of a job after. Not seem the property of the prope

Curbing elderly abuse

OR BEAVERTON — Gov. Ted Kulongoski amonunced recommendations aimed at curbing abuse of the elderly. The recommendations are a response to the more than 10,000 cases of elder abuse tallied by the Department of Human Services in 2003. Health of-ficials suspect thousands more go unreported each year.

The plan includes a registry of individuals who have committed crimes against vulnerable adults.

SmartTag, E-Z merging

NA RICHMOND — Virginia is merging its SmartTag authomated tolk system with the Zer Pass tolk system with the Zer East Took to the Zer East Coast States. The two systems become compatible Wednesday, state transportation officials say, state transportation officials say, smartTag and E-Z Pass give drivers with prepaid accounts transponders to attach to their cars so a toll can be automatically deducted without stopping.

IKEA to open new store

CANTON TOWNSHIP—Swedish furniture giant IKEA announced plans to open a store outside Detroit. The proposed store in Canton Township would be the fourth IKEA in the upper Midwest.

Pending approval, construction could start next spring in time for an opening in summer 2006, the company said.

Group sues over whales

AK ANCHORAGE—Conservationists has sued a federal agency for allegedly failing to protect North Pacific right whales, which were hunted nearly to extinction more than a century ago and remain among the world's most endangered animals.

The suit asks the court to order the National Marine Fisheries Service to protect a "critical" habitat for the North Pacific right whale, saying it is required to do so under the Endangered Species Act.

That habitat most likely would be in Alaska's Bering Sea, where an increasing number of whales have summered since 1996, said Brent Plater, a lawyer for the Center for Biological Diversity.

The animals received international protection in 1931 and have been listed as endangered since 1973. Experts believe there are probably fewer than 100 North Pacific right whales in U.S. waters.

Plater said a critical habitat designation would not necessarily mean a halt to fishing.

Stories and photos from wire services

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J Horoscope

Much is accomplished early on but the afternoon feels like a big waste of time. Where did the hours go? Well, maybe we all need the

mental break before a perfectly friendly evening. The Gemini moon brings an energetic social hum more embarrassing lulls in the conversation or awkward moments of deciding what to do next

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 29). This will be your most fabulous year to date! You'll start by planning a trip

somewhere you've always wanted to go. You'll wonder why you didn't do this sooner. Love connections grow stronger as you create more experiences with loved ones. Money in Decem ber gives you the means to do this Love signs are Pisces and Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're ready to change the way you

are seen in the eyes of the world. An emotional outburst might occur in the process, but it's nothing to avoid This show of passion will actually help a relationship in the long run.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't have to think much to know what you're doing next. In stinct and desire take over, and before you know it, you're on your way to getting what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's super lucky to let the world know your plans. That may be all you have to do to get things rolling, as it's extremely easy to gather momen turn with the stars on your side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll analyze your feelings, eager to come to definitive conclusions but there are no definite conclu-

sions. Think of your current situation as a work in process instead. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A child,

parent or spouse is feeling needy right now. The problem is, so are you. Instead of trying to outdo one another to see who's got it worse,

recognize that by giving your full attention to someone else, you are

also helping yourself. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Changes in workplace procedures could complicate your life. First,

accept that this one is out of your hands. Make do as best

Joyce Jillson you can, or find a new work situation

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Embrace your unique power, and everyone around you will benefit. When the scales tip against you, regain

balance by focusing on kes you spe SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's no

sense getting angry with someone who didn't keen his or her word. What is anger going to accomplish for you, other than to add fuel to an already explosive situation? Just let it go. Forget that promise was ever made

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). The heat is on. It seems like you've been waiting for this moment for months, maybe even years. You can dazzle with the best of 'em, so don't hold back. A higher-up is watching and secretly rooting for

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance anyway. Where would we be now if Copernicus had been too afraid to tell the world that the sun was at the center of the solar system? Don't worry what others think.

AOUARIUS (Ian. 20-Feb. 18). Beware of strangers bearing gifts or news that seems too good to be true. There's more here than meets the eye. Also, he sure to set some boundaries with that overbearing co-worker

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You and loved ones need to reconnect on some common ground. Talk about the tough issues. Whether it's where to go on your next vacation or when to start a family you need to be flexible and find a compromise. Creators Syndicate

To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis, Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

Peanuts



ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT THE "GREAT PUMPKIN" WILL FLY OVER THIS PUMPKIN PATCH WITH HIS BAG OF TOYS, AND YOU AND I WILL BE REWARDED FOR OUR FAITHFULNESS...



KNOW YOU'RE JUST AS EXCITED S I AM ... I WISH I KNEW .AM...I WISH I KNEW ' YOU WERE THINKING..



THIS WOULD BE A TERRIBLE PLACE TO LOSE A CONTACT LENS.



GIVE ME A NICE SMILE THAT'S GOOD. NOW DON'T MAKE A FACE, OK? READ! ONE... TNO... THREE... CHICK UNBELIEVABLE I'VE TRADED LIVES WITH MARCUS GLOVER! Start











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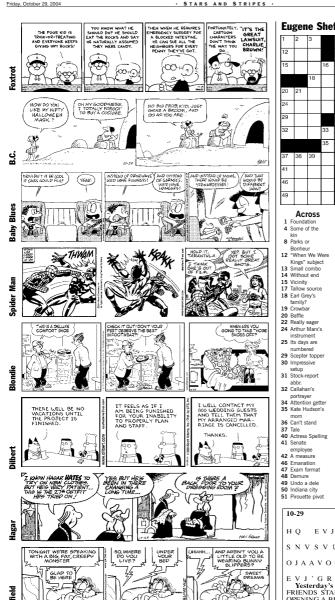


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OPENING A BIG CAN OF WORMS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

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Internet deviancy not acceptable JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I am 36 and "Vito," my significant other, is 44. I recently learned that he has been posing as a woman on an Internet swingers' site. He sends people naked photos of a girl and once I found a picture of a

naked man. (Not him.) One of his objectives is to recruit couples for a threesome, and I believe

he is also doing cybersex. When I confronted Vito, he said it was just a joke. But it isn't the first time he has done this, and it is very hurtful

Abby, Vito is sneaky passive-aggressive and an alcoholic. I have always believed if you had to hide something from your partner or spouse, it was cheating. Is cybersex cheating?

- Blondie in Daytona Beach Dear Blondie: Yes, cybersex is cheating. When someone hides something from a spouse or partner, it's usually with the

knowledge that the spouse or

Dear Annie: I am a huge fan of your column and would like to respond to "F/A in Toron-to," the flight attendant who said a passenger

erved orange juice. I travel a lot. People seem to forget everyday courtesies the moment they walk through airport security. On a recent flight, the woman sitting

Please print these guideline he afraid to use the washrooms clipping, make-up application,

2. By all means, remove your smell them.

3. Treat the people in the mid-

Now, I have a question for you: Why are you wasting your time with someone who sneaks around looking for other sex partners? Romances like yours don't have happy endings. Be smart. Get checked for STDs and call it quits with Vito.

Dear Abby Dear Abby: My

younger brother, who is 53, recently lost his iob. His wife has never worked. They have spent their life traveling, driving expensive cars and entertaining

lavishly. They never saved a nickel I. on the other hand. have always lived

frugally. My wife and I put our kids through college, we live in a modest home, drive older cars and have never vacationed outside the United States. We have saved diligently and plan early retirement in a year

My mother and sister think we

should help my brother and his wife out by lending them money that we know will never be repaid. My brother has put me

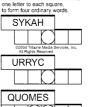
down for my thrifty ways, saying I could die tomorrow, then what good would all that money be? Well, tomorrow is here. My wife and I are prepared for whatever life may deal us in the future. Mom and Sis are angry that we refuse to give money to my broth-er and his wife. They made their now they can lie in it

Abby, please tell me if I'm - Able But Unwilling in Alabama

Dear Able: Your philosophy of financial planning has paid off while your brother is now paying dearly for failing to provide for his future. Far be it from me to raise Cain with you about your decision, but if you felt comfort-able, you wouldn't be asking me to endorse it.

Letters for this column - with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion Unscramble these four Jumbles, Clean this mess



TEEN'S ROOM IS OFTEN IN THIS SHAPE. **BLUEBB** Now arrange the circled letters to

Print answer here: Yesterday's

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: FRAME CHESS VERBAL DOMINO Answer What the King reduced when he sold the roval crowns - HIS "OVER HEAD"

form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

Family Circus



"Grandma said in her day the only things they pierced were their ears."

A few tips for airline etiquette

Annie's Mailbox clipped his nails while next to me changed her baby's dirty diaper on the seat between

us. for our fellow travelers: 1. Don't on the plane. Teeth flossing, nail nasal sprays, tweezing and chang-ing diapers should be done in private. We don't want to watch

shoes, but please, keep your feet on the ground. No one wants to

dle seat with respect. Don't grab



4. Be mindful that not everyone wants to ed in conversa tion. While you might be an interesting per son, some of us prefer to work or sleep

5. If you have children, please don't let your 4-year-old run up and down the aisle screaming. It's OK to tell your child to stor kicking the seats and

making noise Please don't push when exiting the plane. This is aggra-

vating and dangerous. And to the flight attendants: We know how hard you work, but please, when you see people doing inappropriate things, help us out. Thanks.

Ottawa, Ontario Dear Ottawa: Thanks for your sensible suggestions. We hope they help.

Dear Annie: I was annoyed with the letter from "Had It with PC." who is delighted when

waitresses call him "Hon" and "Dear." He says we should light-

My mother is 84 years old. All her nurses at the assisted-living home call her "Sweetie" and "Hon," even though they know

her name It is condescending to treat a woman her age as though she were 3 years old and anonymous.

I'm 55 and hate when women 20 and 30 years younger call me "Hon.

I notice these young women don't call each other by such

Whatever happened to "Sir' and "Ma'am" when addressing strangers of an older generation? — I Have a Name

Dear Name: Some people don't like those terms either, because it makes them feel old but when in doubt, it's best to err on the side of politeness.

Annie's Malibox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmalibox/@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Malibox, c/o Creators Syncates, 577 W. Century Blvd., Sulfer 70, Los Angeles, CA 90045.



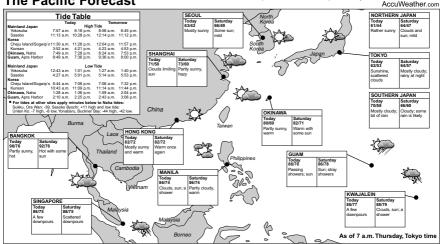






The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Sunday: Showers, high 71, low 64. Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 75 low 64

KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and high 82, low 71. Monday: Partly sunny. high 82, low 69.

SEOUL

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 68, low 45. Monday: Rain, high 61 low 39

MANILA Sunday: Periods of clouds and

high 86, low 74. Monday: Partly sunny high 88, low 74.

HAGATNA

Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 78. Monday: Showers, high 88, low 78,

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

| CITY | HIGH/LOW | CITY | HIGH/LOW |
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| Baltimore | 65/43 | Milwaukee | 54/48 |
| Birmingham | 83/66 | Nashville | 76/62 |
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| Boise | 58/40 | Omaha | 63/57 |
| Boston | 58/40 | Orlando | 84/62 |
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| Buffalo | 59/38 | Phoenix | 77/62 |
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| Duluth | 49/41 | San Antonio | 87/74 |
| El Paso | 78/55 | San Diego | 66/56 |
| Hartford | 61/34 | San Juan | 87/76 |
| Helena | 50/29 | Tampa | 84/66 |
| Indianapolis | 66/52 | Tulsa | 81/66 |
| Jacksonville | 80/60 | Washington | 66/49 |
| Kansas City | 67/60 | Wichita | 74/62 |



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will spread rain across Wyoming and the Dakotas on Friday. Showers will form along its associated warm front in the Upper Midwest, while widely separated showers and thunderstorms will develop ahead of the system's cold front in New Mexico and the southern Plains. Behind this system, some snow will fall in the higher elevations of the Rockies. An advancing storm system will trigger a few rain and snow showers across the Northwest. Meanwhile, a frontal boundary will ignite showers and thunderstorms in the Ohio and Tennessee River valleys. A dry but chilly day is in store for the Northeast, A southerly flow will filter warm air into the Midwest.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

Friday's World Temperatures

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Kadena, Okinawa - Angel (2 angels next to each other) picture in frame \$25.00 call 633-3198.

Kadena, Okinawa - DVD only SS Monsters ball with Halley Berry, Billy Bob Thornton and Heath Ledger, Perfect condition. Call Marie 633-6441.

Kadena, Okinawa - Mad Dog 6 in 1 DVD/CD burner with Nero never used paid \$150.00 will sel for \$115.00. Call 633-5147.

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Autos for Sale

146 - Japan Abugi 1991 Nissan 180ex Gold, excellent condition. JCLWT Base Insp due Sept 06. Turbo Kt GREDOY TST27 4004-hp. Lots of estras ca 1284-5217 or email chavez 199/hotmal. com for more details. Asking \$5,000 or best offer. Best offer is a Must.

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Yokota - 1994 Mazda Proceed. 4X4(SUV) 7 Passenger, only 55K Auto, A/C. Sunnoc, AMFMCD, wieutra set of wheelstires, power everything. JCl II Nov 05, \$3950,00 OBO, Cal Dennis 227-2646 or 080-5034-8056.

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Yokota 1996 Toyota Coro la Windy: A/C, AMFM cassette, JCI until July 2005, \$1,700.00 OBO. Cal 227-4625.

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Courtney - 1991 HONDA VIG-OR: Automatic, blue exterior Courtney - 1891 HONDA VIG-OR: Automatic, Nue sedentor, gray interior, 52.500.00 obs. JCI 0202005. Child selecy latch, 100 0202005. Child selecy latch, 100 100,000 power steering, crusse control, power steering, crusse control, power windows, um wheels. All new tires 2 morths old, new brake 3 weeks old, rechanged 62.1 weeks old, rechanged 63.1 weeks old,

Courtney - 1992 Honda Ascot, 4 cylinder, cold ACtpower window power of or 1 locks, AMFANCDMD player excellent condition JCI due Dec 2005 Asking 3000,00 OBO please call Dave at work 622-9246 or home 964-2036.

Autos for Sale - Okinawa

Courtney 1994 Mitsubishin Palero 4x4 Correstable J.Cl. due Aug 05. Rod with sliver thim and has 3.5 L. V6. DOHC 24V-Powerful New 3.1.0.5 AT tires, Kenwood AMP D. Cases, Edward Correstable (H) 964-6178, (W) 522-7232.

Yongsan 1993 Honda Civic tx U.S. specs / Yongsan area. Black exterior and brown / beige interior. 162K, mostly highway, miles. Original owner. Good condition. AC, automatic, sun rool, dual front air-bass, Upgra-ded stock Michelin fres and aloys from 2002 Civic. 011-9671-1732. \$2,000.00 Yongsan - 1993 Lincoln Continental, US Specs, keyless remote entry, 3,8L V6, blue, 110,000 mles, 4 wheel ABS, AC, power, cruise, runs great, looks great, asking \$3,000, negotiable. Contact Tom 011-828-0408, DSN 724-5121 or email floiland@hotmail.com

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Butter 1996 Silver Skyline GTS, 18inch shoes, 2 12inch Subs, 2 amps, pioneer 6x, Meon lights beneath wowlich, mp3 player, DVD player, 1 TV screen, JCI Nov 2005, original habs and tree included, 4000 OBO avail Nov 20th. I have pictures moorced@mobbuter.

Courtney 1991 Toyota Town Ace Excellent condition. Brand new front brakes, cold AC, CD player wire more. Sil has 8 months left on JCI PCSing must sell \$2,500.00 obo. Home: 622-8354 work: 622-7790 (SSgt Allen)

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Foster 1995 Toyota Emina, JCI July 2006, Cold front and rear AC (kids ask to turn it oft), seeks 8, AMFMCD/Topo, pwr wish downstmirms blocks 646-257. Foster 1998 Toyota Town Ace, good AC, JCI Aug 2005, seeks 1900 power windows +locks \$1000 call 646-2547.

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Foster - 91 Nissan Largo Van: Runs Good Has Good A/C. JCI due in Nov 2005. \$500.00 O.B.O. Cell 846-4079.

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Autos for Sale

Kadena - 1989 Nissan Primora: JCI due in 2006, Grey, 4-doors, automatic, with A/C, asking 8600 OBO. Must self PCS'ing next month, Call Ashley or Chris mext month. @ 633 0897

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IOC urges Beijing to prepare for 2008

RELIING - The IOC has a word of advice for organizers of the 2008 Olympics - prepare. Determined to avoid a repeat of

the construction delays that threatened the Athens Games, Olympic officials arrived in Beijing on Wednesday.

You have to start your preparation early enough, all your opera-tional planning," International Olympic Committee executive di rector Gilbert Felli said during a news conference. "It is very complicated, the operations aspect of

Athens put the finishing touches on venues with only days remaining. The IOC prefers that facilities be finished a year ahead of time so they can be tested, Felli said

China is actually slowing its Olympics construction from its initial ambitious pace following IOC concerns about cash flow It had planned to build 10 stadiums but will now build five to ensure that venue costs stay below \$2 billion. Beijing also expects to spend \$24.2 billion on new subway lines, roads and other facilities by 2008. IOC delegates will meet with

Chinese organizers for several days to discuss such issues as sports, marketing, finances and media, committee spokeswoman Giselle Davies said IOC President Jacque Rogge is to meet Chinese President Hu Jintao and the head of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic

A delegation led by Athens 2004 president Gianna An-gelopoulos-Daskalaki will meet with Chinese organizers so "there is a transfer of knowledge," Davies said. That way, "there less need to, what we say, rein-vent the wheel," she added.

Lukas banking on filly in Breeders' Classic

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas -The king of Breeders' Cup trainers is pursuing his record 18th victory on horse racing's biggest ge in a surprising way.

D. Wayne Lukas said Azeri will run against the boys in the \$4 million Classic, instead of the \$2 million Distaff, where the 2002 Horse of the Year would have been the likely favorite.

Azeri won the Distaff in 2002 but was injured and did not run in last year's race. By choosing the tougher Classic for the 6-year-old mare. Lukas is taking a shot at his-

She will be just the third female to run in the 11/4-mile Classic since the Breeders' Cup began in 1984, and would be the first to win it. Triptych was sixth in 1986, and Jolypha was third in 1992.

"We're going to swing for the fences," Lukas said Tuesday. "She's already won the Distaff. We're going to see if we can do something that hasn't been done before.

Azeri was pre-entered in the Distaff and the Classic, and it was believed Lukas was leaning toward running her in the Distaff.

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After talking with owner Michael Paulson, though, the decision was made to give it another try

against males. The mare has won 17 of 23 starts and earned \$3,959,820.

Azeri ran against males for the first time at Belmont Park on May 31, finishing eighth in the Metropolitan Mile Lukas compared Azeri's challenge to a poker game.

"This is Texas. The Breeders' Cup is kind of a Texas Hold 'Em, and we're going all-in." he said "We're going to play our queen.

Bowling Green suspends seven hockey players

BOWLING GREEN. Ohio -Bowling Green suspended seven hockey players Tuesday, one day after a newspaper showed coach Scott Paluch a photo it said was of a nude player whose body was covered with profanity

Ryan Barnett, Steve Brudzewski, Bryan Dobek, Mike Falk, Don Morrison, Brett Pilkington and Alex Rogosheske were suspended for violating team policy, the school said in a statement.

Paluch and athletic director Paul Krebs declined to discuss the photo during a news conference announcing the suspensions.

The Sentinel-Tribune newspaer reported it received a photo Monday that showed a Bowling Green hockey player face down. with profanity and racial slurs scrawled on his body in colored marker

Arizona State's starting tailback reinstated

TEMPE, Ariz. - Arizona State tailback and leading rusher Hakim Hill, who was benched last week, will be available Saturday when the 20th-ranked Sun Devils nlay at seventh-ranked California

Hill has practiced with the first-string offense this week after not playing in last Saturday's 48-42 victory over UCLA. Coach Dirk Koetter said it was likely Hill would play against the Golden Bears but wanted to see how the 6-foot, 220-pound junior practices before deciding if he will start.

Koetter has declined to say why Hill wasn't in the game, and refused to let Hill be interviewed Spencer arrested while police

try to serve warrant on son

CORNELIUS, N.C. - NASCAR driver Jimmy Spencer was arrest-ed and accused of interfering with police officers as they attempted to serve a warrant on his son.

Officers went to Spencer's home Sunday night to arrest James Jonathan Spencer Jr., 18, on a misdemeanor charge of injury to personal property, police records show. He is accused of pouring paint on two cars at a Cornelius home Oct. 6.

The elder Spencer was charged with two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting a public officer.

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Correction

Photographs accompanying story about Robert D Edgren high-school cross country on Page 33 of Thursday's editions were incorrectly credited. The photographs were taken by Jennifer H. Svan.

AFN-TV & Radio

Friday

AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.—College football: Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech. AFN-Atlantic, Pacific/Korea, AFN radio Oki-nawa, Japan/Kanto Plain, Korea, 9 a.m.— Baseball: World Series, Boston at St. Louis, Baseball: World Servey. —. Game 5, if necessary. AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—Baseball: World Serves. Boston at St. Louis, Game 5, if necessary.

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AFN-Pacific/Korea, 9 a.m.—College foot-ball: Hawaii at Boigs State.
AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.—NBA preseason: Phoenix at Sacramento.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Ha-waii at Boigs State (did).
AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.—College football: ESPN College of sameDay.

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Pro soccer

Major League Soccer playoffs

Conference Semifinals (Two-leg Aggregate Score Series) Eastern Conference Columbus vs. New England Saturday, Oct. 23 New England 1, Columbus 0, New England leads series 1-0

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Saturday, Oct. 30

San Jose at Kansas City

Los Angeles vs. Colorado

Friday, Oct. 22

Colorado 1, Los Angeles 0, Colorado leads
series 1-0

Saturday, Oct. 30 Colorado at Los Angeles

Pro football



Jacksonville 27, Indianapolis 24 Tampa Bay 19, Chicago 7 San Diego 17, Carolina 6 Philadelphia 34, Cleveland 31, 0 Minnesota 20, Tennessee 3 New England 13, N.Y. Jets 7

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College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday, Oct. 28 No. 22 Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech

No. 18 Boise State vs. Hawaii Saturday, Oct. 30 No. 1 Southern Cal at Washin

No. 2 Oklahoma at No. 20 Oklahoma State No. 3 Auburn at Mississippi No. 4 Miami at North Carolina No. 5 Florida State at Maryland No. 7 California vs. No. 20 Arizona State

No. 8 Texas at Colorado No. 9 Utah at San Diego State No. 10 Georgia vs. Florida at Jackso

Inc. 11 Georgia vs. Frorida at Jacks-la. 11 Tennessee at South Carolina No. 12 Michigan vs. Michigan State No. 15 West Virginia at Rutgers No. 16 Texas A&M at Baylor No. 17 Purdue at Northwestern No. 19 LSU vs. Vanderbill No. 23 Iowa at Illinois No. 24 Minnesota at Indiana

Pro basketball

NBA preseason EASTERN CONFERENCE



acramento 2 Monday's game Cleveland 95, Boston 88 Chicago 100, Washington 95 Golden State 87, Portland 84 LA. Lakers 117, Seattle 91

Tuesday's gam larlotte 82, Miami 74 lilladelphia 97, Utah 86 lilladelphia 97, Utah 86 w York 86, New Jersey 79 Indiana 102, Memphis 96 San Antonio 98, Dallas 94 Denver 102, Toronto 98 enix 103, Seattle 93 Wednesday's games

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Utah at New York
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Memphis vs. Milwaukee at Green Bay,

Denver at Houston Sacramento at Dallas Washington vs. LA. Lakers at Oklahoma City, Okla. Phoenix at LA. Clippers

Tennis

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Iri Novak, Czech Republic, def. Florian
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Wawrinka, Switzerland, 7-6 (b), 5-4
Stefan Koubek, Austria, def. Paradorn
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St. Petersburg Open

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Stockholm Open

Wednesday At Kungl. Tennishallen Stockholm, Sweden Purse: \$816,600 (Intl. Series) Surface: Hard-Indoor Singles First Round

Pirst Round
Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, def.
an-Frode Andersen, Norway, 6-3, 6-4.
Alichael Pyderstedt, Sweden, def. Oscar Michael Ryderstedt, Swedernandez, Spain, 6-4, 6-4. Jonas Bjorkman, Sweder Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, def. Wayne Arthurs, Australia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Andre Agassi (1), United States, def.

Andre Agassi (1), United States, def. Kristof Vilegen, Belgium, 6-2, 6-4. Olivjer Rockers, Second Round, Janko Tip-sarevic, Serbia-Montenegro, 6-4, 7-5. Andrei Payel (3), Romania, def. Michal Tabara, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Thomas Johansson. Sweadare, 4-3.

mas Johansson, Swseden, def. Robin fling (6), Sweden, 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

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Wednesday At Intersport Arena Linz Linz, Austria

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Purse: \$85,500 (Tier II)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
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Jelena Jankovic, Serbla-Montenegro,
Patty Schnyder (7), Switzerland, 6-2, 6-2.
Barbara Schett, Austria, del. Mar
Sucha, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4. Second Round
Alina Jidkova, Russia, def. Serena Williams

Alina Jidkova, Russia, def. Serena Williams 31, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-3, Marion Barto-Jenan Bovina (9), Russia, def. Marion Barto-Jrance, 6-3, 6-4 (5), Russia, def. Elena Jidhovtseva, Russia, 6-2, 5-5, 6-3, Tuesday, Singles First Round

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Alina Jidkova, Russia, def. Vera Douchevi-na, Russia, 6-2,6-1. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Lind-say Lee-Waters, United States, 2-6,6-3, 6-2. Meghann Shaughnessy, United States, def. Karolina Sprem (8), Croatia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1. Al Suglyama (6), Japan, def. Maria Vento-Kabchi, Venezuela, 6-0, 6-0. Marta Domachowska, Poland, def. Fabiola Zuluaga, Colombia, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

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Auto racing

Nextel Cup schedule

Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) Feb. 22 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. Feb. 22 — Sulvwiy 400, Rockingham, N.C.

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March 24 — Samssung RadioShack 500, Fort

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May 15 — Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
June 6 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
(Mark Martin)
June 13 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jimmie Johnson)

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June 20 – DHL 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Ryan June 27 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Jeff Gordon) July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.

July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon) July 11 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill. (Tony Stewart) July 25 — Siemens 300, Loudon, N.H. (Kurt Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond (Jim-mie Johnson)

WE'VE JUST LEARNED THAT MIKEY PRTERSEN IS AT THE STADIUM AND IS SUITING UR HE HAS MISSED THE FIRST QUARTER BECAUSE HIS MOM WOULDN'T LET HIM PLAY WATH. HE RAKED THE LEANES LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD DO YESTERDAY.

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SOSO MILAR/HADS

Aug. 8 - Brickyard 400, Indianapolis (Jeff Gordón)
Aug. 15 - Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen,
N.Y. (Tony Stewart)
Aug. 22 - GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn,
Mich. (Greg Biffle)
Aug. 28 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
Sept. 5 - Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif. (Elliott Sadler)
Sept. 11 — Chevy Rock and Roll 400, Richmond, Va. (Jeremy Mayfield)
Sept. 19 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H. (Kurt
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Oct. 3 — EA, Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
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Oct. 10 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
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Oct. 16 — Dawley Gardy Quality 500, Concord,
C. (Jimmie Johnson)
Cct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson) Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga. Nov. 7 – Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 14 – Mountain Dew 500, Darlington,

Nov 21 - Ford 400 Homestead Fla **Boxing** Fight schedule

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Park, Md. 12, for "Szuyu, 18" junior welter-weight title. Ww. 12.

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Nov. 20

At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Winky Wright, St. Petersburg, Fla., vs. Shane Mosley, Pomona, Calif., 12, for Wright's WBC and WBA super welterweight titles.

titles. Nov. 27
At The MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Erik Morales, Mexico, vs. Marco Antonio Barrera, Mexico, 12, for Morales' world super featherweight title; Oscar Larios, Mexico, vs. Nedal Hussein, Australla, 12, for Larico, vs. Nedal Hussein, Australia, 12, for Larico, vs. Nedal Hussein,

os' WBG super bantamweight title.

Dec. 2

At Northern Quest Casino, Airway Heights,
Wash., Felix Cora Jr., Galveston, Texas, vs.
James Elizalde, Corpus Christi, Texas, 12, for
Cora's USBA cruiserweight title.

Dec. 3

At Bell Centre, Montreal, Eric Lucas, Mont-real, vs. Tony Menefee, Lincoln, Neb., 10, light heavyweights.

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL American League OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Rene Lache

mann bench coach.

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Announced the res-

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Anhaunced the res-nation of Mike Berry, vice president of mar-eting and sales, effective immediately. WASHINGTON EXPOS—Named Desk counger director of ticket operations. National Basketball Association National Basketball Association National Basketball Association Nipint for one game for showing Milwaukee Zaza Pachulla in an Oct 21 game. CUEYELAND CAYALLERS—Walved F-C Art

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Released F ick Rickert, F. Jackie Butler, and G. Blake NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Bobby Marks director of basketball operations.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Released C Adam
Parada

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed RB Brandon
lennett. Placed RB DeShaun Foster on inired reserve.

CHICAGO BEARS—Waived TE Mike Pinkard
rom the practice squad. Signed DE Alain om the practice squad. Signed DE Alain ashama to the practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived DT Larry

Smith.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released C Jason
Ball and WR Micah Ross, Signed DB Jerrell
Pippens from the practice squad. Signed
C-G Bob Hallen. Signed RB Calvin Murray to he practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed P Donnie ones and LB Curtis Randall to the practice quad. Released FB R.J. Luke from the prac-

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BARUCH—Named Bruce Semer men's as-

BARUCH—Named Bruce Semer men's as-istrant swimming and diving coach. LEHMAN—Named Diana Olaya women's as-istrant baskerball coach and Walter Kent men's graduate assistant basketball coach, N.C.-WILMINGTON—Fired Peg Brad-gy-Doppes, athletic director. Named Mike Japaccio Interim athletic director. ST. PETER'S—Named Stephanle DeWolfe women's basketball coach.

Timberwolves still have issues to settle

BY ANDRES YBARRA

The Associated Press MINNEAPOLIS - The Minnesota Timberwolves are among the favorites in the Western Conference, largely because all the key players are back from last sea son's team that nearly made the

NBA Finals. But with a week to go until the regular season, two of their big-gest stars — Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell have raised Sam Cassell — have raised doubts about their long-term futures with the team. And Wally Szczerbiak has made it clear he wants a bigger role.

Cassell and Sprewell, who form Minnesota's "Big Three" with league MVP Kevin Garnett, want

contract extensions. Sprewell has publicly said he wants an extension before the opener against New York or he'll ask for a sign-and-trade deal after the season or become a free agent. Cassell was upset enough about not getting an extension that he skipped the team's media day and first day of training

"Me and Spree, we deserve extensions," Cassell said this week "There's no other way to say it. You can't sugarcoat it

The Big Three formed the NBA's highest-scoring trio last season and led the Wolves to the Western Conference finals. where they lost in six games to the Los Angeles Lakers. But Cassell barely played in that series because of a hip injury that caused painful back spasms.

Cassell is convinced the outcome would've been different had he been healthy.

"I know for a fact we'd be celebrating our first championship in the city right now," Cassell said. Cassell, never one to bite his tongue, thinks the Wolves need to pay more if they want to keep him and Sprewell, who wasn't available to reporters after practice

Tuesday. Neither Sprewell's agent, Robert Gist, nor Timberwolves owner Taylor immediately re-Glen turned phone messages seeking

comment Cassell's agent, Charles Tuckcouldn't immediately be reached.

McHale, Minnesota's Kevin vice president of basketball operations, has said he also wants to get Sprewell an extension before the season starts. Sprewell is due to make \$14.6 million this season. Last week, he told the St. Paul Pio neer Press he doesn't want to take a pay cut, but at 34, the Wolves could be hesitant to

Coach Flip Saunders declined to comment on the potential distractions.

Then there's Szczerbiak, who has made it clear he wants his starting spot back. A foot injury sidelined him for

the first 53 games last season, and the Wolves signed Trenton Hassell to take his place. Hassell made a name as a defensive specialist and earned a six-year, \$27 million contract.

But Szczerbiak is healthy



finnesota Timberwolves' Wally Szczerbiak, who was sidelined by a foot injury for the first 53 games last season, wants to get back in the starting lineup.

again, and Saunders must decide between Szczerbiak's shooting or Hassell's defense for the starting lineup.

Hassell has said he'd take a back seat to Szczerbiak if the coaches want him to.

Not so for Szczerbiak - he wants to play a lot of minutes. He came off the bench in all 28 of his appearances last season and is eager to return to his All-Star level from 2002, even if it means being traded. Szczerbiak has popped up in trade rumors for the past couple of years. The latest involved Portland and New York

this offseason.
Still, Szczerbiak — signed to a six-year, \$63 million deal last season — said Tuesday he's commit-ted to helping the Wolves and thinks he'll be with them for the long term

"It looks like it." he said.

Florida denies making contact with Spurrier

BY MARK LONG

GAINESVILLE, Fla. athletic director Jeremy Foley denied a report Tuesday that school officials have contacted former coach Steve Spurrier about re-

placing Ron Zook. According to ESPN.com. the school contacted Spurrier gauge his interest in returning to coach the Gators and wanted an

answer in the next 24 hours. "There's absolutely no basis to that at all. It's false," Foley said. "We've got a little time. Why would 24 hours make a differ

Florida fired Zook on Monday after he posted a 20-13 record in two-plus seasons — just 14 fewer losses than Spurrier had in 12 seasons. Zook will coach the final four games this season, but the search for his replacement could begin with Spurrier.

He resigned from the NFL's Washington Redskins after two seasons and could be open to returning to his alma mater

time." Spurrier said Monday at a charity golf event near Orlando. "I don't think there's anything that I can say that is really appropriate at this time.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops Utah coach Urban Meyer and Louisville coach Bobby Petrino also could be possible replacements. Foley said he would not talk to any coaches with current jobs until after the season.

Spurrier's defensive coordinator for three seasons at Florida. Stoops said he and Spurrier had talked recently enough to know he shot a 73 during his charity

But Stoops declined to give details about their conversation.

"That's not for me to talk about," Stoops said Tuesday, "Whatever he wants I'm all for. Though I talk to Coach frequently, that wouldn't be appropriate for me to talk about what we're talking about and what his feel-

Mississippi St. football on four-year probation

BY JOEDY MCCREARY The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi State's football program placed on probation by the NCAA for four years, stripped of eight scholarships over the next two seasons and banned from postsea son play this season because of recruiting violations.

The NCAA announced Wednes day that its infractions committee found two former assistants and several boosters broke recruiting rules between 1998-2002. But alle gations of unethical conduct against former coach Jackie Sherrill were dismissed.

Sherrill retired after the 2003 season and was replaced by Sylvester Croom. The Bulldogs (2-5) won their first Southeastern Conference game under Croom, the first black head football coach in the SEC, last Saturday when they upset Florida.

The NCAA's decision came two months after Mississippi State expected it.

"The uncertainty is gone," Croom said. "We can move forward and move our program in the direction we want it to go. We will not under my watch be in this situation again.

Thomas Yeager, chairman and commissioner of the NCAA com mittee, said the historical significance of hiring Croom was "immaterial to our conclusion," but credited Mississippi State for creating "a new atmosphere surmunding rules compliance

There is a new direction with the program. ... Simply changing coaches does not necessarily miti-gate [that] the committee will look favorably on that kind of personnel action," Yeager said.

"In this case, it was a positive evaluation.

The Bulldogs are allowed just 81 football scholarships for the 2005 and 2006 seasons, and are limited to 45 expense-paid recruiting visits in each of the 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years — 11 per year fewer than the maximum allowed by the NCAA.

Mississippi State in April admitted to secondary rules violations within the football program, but denied the more serious NCAA allegations of offering to provide cash and other perks to recruits.

The school had limited itself to 83 scholarships in the 2005-06 academic year as part of a self-imposed penalty - down from the NCAA maximum of 85.

The university received a letter of allegations from the NCAA on Dec. 2, detailing 13 possible rules violations, some by former assistants coaches Glenn Davis and Jerry Fremin.

"The cloud that has been over the Mississippi State football program for the last four years certainly has not been fair to this institution and it certainly has not been fair to [Croom] and his first year of trying to put it together. athletic director Larry Temple ton said

Among the violations, the committee found members of the Mississippi State football program improperly reimbursed prospective student-athletes for recruiting trips, giving recruits and their families money for hotel rooms and rental cars. An assistant coach arranged to pay for the summer school classes a recruit needed to become eligible and a booster allowed two recruits to stay in a hotel in Starkville for free.

Pacers C Foster to miss 4-6 weeks

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Pacers center Jeff Foster was to have hip surgery Wednesday and is expected to miss four to six Foster is scheduled to undergo

arthroscopic surgery on his right hip. He has been hampered by the injury since before training camp, but didn't believe it to be serious until it flared up this week. "It's a clean-out type thing, not a tightening thing or reattach-ment deal," Pacers coach Rick

Carlisle said "But it is weight bearing. So

we'll just have to see NBA briefs

Foster's emergence as a legitihustler mate and rebounder played a big role in the Pacers'

success last season Foster averaged 6.1 points and 7.4 rebounds last year in his first

season as a starter.

Scot Pollard will fill Foster's spot in the starting lineup.

Suspensions handed out

NEW YORK - Brendan Haywood of the Washington Wizards was suspended for three games by the NBA on Wednesday for fighting during a preseason game against the Chicago Bulls Antonio Davis and Eddy Curry of the Bulls received two-game

suspensions, Washington's Larry Hughes drew a one-game suspen sion and Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich was handed a \$10,000 fine. On Tuesday, Memphis Grizzlies center Lorenzen Wright was

suspended for one game for shoving Milwaukee center Zaza Pa-

The suspensions take effect with the opening of the NBA regular season next week.



Yokota, Kinnick set sights on Rising Sun

Red Devils hope to end long drought vs. Panthers, earn shot at title game

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Strines

Robert Stovall would like to think the end is near for the Yokota Panthers' long run of league titles and consecutive games won. That might seem ludicrous

given that his Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils haven't beaten Yokota in 11 meetings since the 1998 season and have been outscored by the Panthers 321-39 during that

The Panthers' run consists of five straight Japan Football League and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools titles, four straight Rising Sun Bowl victories and 45 straight on-field victories (Yokota forfeited two victories during the 2002 season for using an ineligible player).

But Kinnick's current group has Stovall believing it's possible to declaw the Panthers.

In a driving rain at home on Sept. 24, the Panthers barely es-caped Kinnick 7-6 — their closest call since opening the 1987 season by edging Zama American

If the Red Devils can beat Yokota by two or more points on Friday, then down Robert D. Edgren on Nov. 5 at Kinnick's homecoming, it will be a Red Devil of a Rising Sun Bowl on Nov. 13 at Yoko-

suka Naval Base's Berkey Field. "It's a winner-take-all situation," Yokota coach Tim Pujol said. "Any time you're in a must-win situation, there's al-

ways additional pressure." "If we play up to our potential," Stovall said, "it ought to be as good as the first one. Hopefully, with a different outcome.

Meanwhile, the Okinawa Activities Council begins determining who'll be the visiting Rising Sun Bowl team.

Friday at Kubasaki's Mike Petty Stadium, the defending champion Kadena Buccaneers play the 2002 champion Kubasaki Samurai and the last-place Kubasaki Shogun tangle with the regular-season champion Kadena Islanders.

Also embroiled in a playoff are the Guam High Panthers, who visit the John F. Kennedy Islanders in the Independent Interscho lastic Athletic Association of Guam quarterfinals on Saturday. Osan American and Taegu Ameri can conclude the Korea season on Saturday as well.

Weather forecasts project vastly different conditions than the first time Yokota and Kinnick met, with clear skies on the horizon after mid-week rain.

"Neither team could do what they would have liked, so it came down to a few basic plays, good defense and the kicking game, Pujol recalled of the Sept. 24 clash, won on Chris Roach's fourth-quarter TD and Stefan Welch's extra-point kick. "One extra point made the difference.



MIED/Stare and Strings

Yokota senior RR Chris Roach brings a Japan Football League-leading 979 yards and 16 TDs into Friday's first-place show down against Nile C. Kinnick.

Stovall said Friday "hopefully

will be a quicker and more precise game for both sides." "Both offenses will be able to be more wide open," Pujol added.

'You'd like to think there will be a few less unforced mistakes, fumbles, that kind of thing. A cleaner It will mean better footing for Yokota's Roach, the JFL's leading

rusher with 979 yards and 16 touchdowns on 112 carries, and Kinnick's deadly threesome of Leonard Lynce, Adam Krievs and Jarvis Williams.

"Roach is a good runner and he has good blockers in front of Stovall said of his biggest worry. "We'll have to step up, wrap up and have good tackling to take him down."

Having to contend with Lynce (681 yards, 12 TDs, 61 carries), Krievs (459, 2, 86) and Williams (438, 4, 68) is a handful for Pujol's charges as well.

You can't focus on stonning just one person," said Pujol, noting that Lynce sometimes lines up under center, in the backfield or even at wideout. "We have to be aware of where he's lined up, what potentially they may try to do with him, but you can't discount the other players.

And lingering in both sides' minds is all that's at stake. "There's extra pressure on both teams," Pujol said. "You

pretty much have to go in Friday with the attitude that you have to win this one.

"I'm sure they're pumped up to prove that Kinnick isn't a threat, that they're the dominant team, Stovall said of Yokota. "And they have every right to feel that way over the last five years.

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High school scoreboard

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Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Council

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Saturday, Oct. 30

Osan American at Taegu American, 2 p.m

End regular season

The Top Ten

The Top Ten teams in the Stars and tripes' 2004 Far East high school football Stripes' 2004 Far East high school football ratings, with records through Oct. 23, points and last week's rating, as compiled by Dave Ornauer of Stars and Stripes sports. Ratings records, quality of wins, strength of overall roster, point differential, team and individual statistics, strength of schedule and strength of leagues. Maximum rating is 500

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| 4. Seoul American | 4-0 432 4 |
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| 7. George Washington (Guam) | 4-2 380 6 |
| B. Kadena Buccaneers (Okinawa) | 3-3 368 9 |
| 9. Kubasaki Samurai (Okinawa) | 3-3 360 8 |
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Week 9 outlook

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Osan American 18, Taegu American 12 Last week: 7-1, 875. Season: 43-10, 81)

Week 8 grid honors Kubasaki Samurai — Justin Daughert -for-22, 155 yards, two touchdown: ephen Thompson 112 yards, two touch

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arries; 18 yards, one return). David Motu carries; 10 yards, one recursive two fumble recoveries.

Kadena Buccaneers — Darnell Womach 215 yards, two touchdowns, 17 carries, Jacob Love two interceptions. Tyler Schmidt 93 yards total offense, one touchdown (3-for-10, 43 yards; 50 yards, one touchdown,

even carries). Nile C. Kinnick — Leonard Lynce 228 all-pur nse vards, one touchdown (181 yards, one oose yards, one touchdown (181 yards, one ouchdown, 21 carries; 47 yards, one return); eight tackles, Adam Krievs 111 yards, one ouchdown, 16 carries; seven tackles, Jarvis Williams 116 yards, 17 carries. Seoul American – Kris Stadler 165 yards, one touchdown, 18 carries. Bruce Voelker-1-0r-7, 91 yards, one touchdown 2-yard ouchdown run. Neal Hammitt one fumble recovery, one interception. David Feliciano one interception, one sack, one touch-down-pass breakup. James Osteen 10 tack-

Japan girls volleyball

Tuesday's summary American School In Japan def. Nile C. Kinnick 25-16, 21-25, 25-6, 24-26, 15-9 At Tokyo Spike kills — Kinnick, Erica Niemeyer 10, tatle Wilkinson 8.

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Steelers downplay showdown with Pats

Cowher: 'There is a lot more left after this game

PITTSBURGH - Ask the Pittsburgh Steelers about the New En-Patriots' NFL record 21-game winning streak, and it's likely they will turn the question

about their What four-game winning streak since rookie Ben Roethlisberger placed injured Tommy Maddox

With the Steelers (5-1) a game up on the favored Ravens (4-2) in the AFC North and 10 games remaining, the Steelers understand the dangers of focusing too much attention on one regular-season game - even one that could bring an end to the Patriots' run.

That's why the Steelers are taking a low-key approach into Sunday's game in Pittsburgh, even if winning would substantially increase the national profile of a

"We can't get too caught up and enamored with what they've done," coach Bill Cowher said Tuesday, "If we play our game, minimize the mistakes and try to seize some opportunities, hopefully it will fall the right way and we'll have an opportunity to win. We're going to have to be on top of our game to win this."

Or, exactly how they have been





Pittsburgh Steelers

5 a.m. Monday **AFN-Atlantic**

Game time is Japan and Korea Standard. Guam is one hour ahead Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind.

Certainly, the opposition has been suspect — the combined record of their beaten opponents is 10-23 — but that doesn't minimize how well Roethlisberger has played and how quickly he has settled in.

Roethlisberger wasn't expected to play much, if at all, this season, yet is fourth in passer rating behind Daunte Culpepper, Peyton Manning and Donovan Mc-Nabb. Roethlisberger's 69 percent completion rate isn't that far off the NFL record of 70.55 by Cincinnati's Ken Anderson in 1982 and his ability to make plays while on the move has added a dimension to Pittsburgh's offense.

But if Roethlisberger is interested in learning how far he's come. he's likely to find out as the Steelers meet the NFL's only two remaining unbeatens, the Patriots and the Eagles (6-0), on successive Sundays in Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger has warned by teammates what to expect from Patriots coach Bill Belichick's defense namely, a

Ben Roethlisberger (7), 4-0 as Pittsburgh's starting quarterback, expects to get plenty of pressure and different looks from New England's defense on Sunday. The Patriots have won 21 consecutive games and have gained a reputation of being a crafty defensive team under coach Bill Belichick.

whole lot of what he hasn't seen

"I'm sure there will be something [different] he will see," Cow-her said. "They'll give us some things we'll have to adjust to. But we can't get too caught up in what they do. We have to establish our plan, play smart, control the clock and make some third downs.

The Steelers found out three seasons ago how confusing the Patriots' defense can be even to an experienced quarterback. Then, Pittsburgh was a big favorite in the AFC championship game only to have a confused Kordell Stewart throw three intercentions during a 24-17 New England victory that led to the first of the Patrits' two Super Bowl championships in three seasons

Wide receiver Hines Ward still remembers how the Steelers' offense scurried to adjust on the fly as the Patriots repeatedly gave them defensive looks they didn't expect and didn't practice for.

"I'm sure with Ben, they will have a special package for him. Ward said. "But we can't put it all on Ben's shoulders. We can't say, 'You've got to pass the ball for us to win

Just like the Steelers won't say they've made their season should they end the Patriots' streak.

"Sure you get excited about (the game), and I'm not going to downplay that. There's nothing to downplay," Cowher said. "It's a big game. It's why you're in this game, to play in games like this. But there is a lot more left after this game. Nothing will be accomnlished or defined with this

Meanwhile, Maddox (torn right elbow tendon) is throwing lightly for the first time since being injured Sept. 19, but is not close to being ready to practice. Inside linebacker Kendrell Bell, out all season with ankle and groin injuries, is expected to practice Wednesday and might play Sun-

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Ravens All-Pro tackle Ogden sidelined with pulled hamstring

more Ravens tackle Jonathan Ogden is expected to miss three to four weeks with a pulled left hamstring, although the 2003 All-Pro player intends to shorten

his absence by adhering to a NFL rigorous rehabilitation probriefs gram

"They three to four weeks, but we'll Ogden said Wednesday. Doing different things, who knows, maybe I can get back soon er than expected. I'm pushing to get healthy as soon as possible."

Ogden is listed as questionable Sunday's game against the Philadelphia Eagles, but he said there's no way he can play.

The Ravens will also be without All-Pro running back Jamal Lewis, who will finish his two-game suspension for violating the NFL substance-abuse policv. Baltimore also will likely play without Pro Bowl tight end Todd Heap, who has been sidelined since the second week of the season with a sprained ankle.

The 6-foot-9, 345-pound Ogden, injured during the fourth quarter of Sunday's 20-6 victory over Buffalo, has played in all but one game since the beginning of the season. He missed this year's opener in Cleveland with a knee injury - a game Baltimore lost 20-3. He had never a hamhe will be sidelined

Eagles RB Westbrook questionable with rib injury

PHILADELPHIA - Running back Brian Westbrook has a cracked rib and is questionable for the Eagles' game on Sunday

against Baltimore. The rib injury was revealed on the first X-ray, but more tests revealed a small crack of the first Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday. The normal recovery time for that kind of injury is four to six weeks. but Westbrook won't necessarily

be out that long, Burkholder said Westbrook, Philadelphia's leading rusher, was hurt during the fourth quarter of the Eagles' overtime victory against Cleveland He leads the Eagles with 458 yards rushing. He also has 31 catches for 249 yards

Hobbled Moss practices

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. -Randy Moss practiced Wednesday despite a strained right hamstring, but Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice wouldn't say what kind of role his star receiver would play Sunday against the New York Giants

Moss was limited in practice and left early to get treatment for his hamstring, which he injured Oct. 17. Tice sounded optimistic

ahout Moss' recovery. Moss was listed questionable

NFL injury update

ies to prominent NFL players, foi by team's prognosis. (See Satur altion for complete injury repor Jave dition for complete injury involved by the league):

Dolphins: DT Tim Bowens (back) out or rest of season.

Panthers: RB Stephen Davis (knee) will season; WR DeShann Foster olay Sunday; RB DeShann Foster olay Sunday; and for season; WR

ot play Sunday; RB DeShaun Foster broken collarbone) out for season; WR never Smith (broken leg) out for season. Raiders: Ge Charles Woodson (hip) staus uncertain; OG Frank Middleton (torn underloeps) out for rest of season. Redskins: LB LaVar Arrington (knee, high) doubtful; K John Hall (groin)

Seahawks: WR Bobby Engram (ankle) Jouhtful: TR Isaiah Kacyvenski (ankle) doubtful. Titans: QB Steve McNair (bruised chest) questionable.

on Wednesday's injury report.

Bills RB McGahee will start

ORCHARD PARK N V - Willis McGahee has emerged as the Buffalo Bills starting running back based on his ability to provide more of a spark to a sputtering offense.

In announcing Wednesday that McGahee will start when Buffalo hosts Arizona this weekend coach Mike Mularkey said he hasn't ruled out going back to four-year veteran Travis Henry. Mularkey noted that McGahee has been the team's more effective running back this season.

Henry was not pleased. 'Would you be happy?" Henry said. "However they want to word it, word it. ... It is what it is. Coach feels like this is the best thing for our football team, so I have to live with it."



Buffalo's 2003 first-round draft choice Willis McGahee had 111 yards rushing against Miami two eks ago in his first NFL start. The Bills (1-5) have yet to score

21 points in a game this season and have no rushing touchdowns. LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Rookie

Craig Krenzel will make his first NFL start Sunday for the Chicago Bears when they face the San Francisco 49ers at Soldier Field.

Krenzel played the second half of last week's 19-9 loss to Tampa Bay after relieving Jonathan Quinn and completed nine of 19 passes for 69 yards with an interception. He guided the Bears to their only touchdown

Broncos RB Griffin out for season with ACL tear

DENVER - Denver running back Quentin Griffin is out for the rest of the season

The team placed Griffin on injured reserve Wednesday, two days after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during a 23-10 loss at Cincinnati.

Favre's wife diagnosed with breast cancer

The Associated Press

GULFPORT, Miss. — The wife of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre was diagnosed with breast cancer, more bad news in a year full of heartache for the family.

Deanna Favre was recently released from Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York after undergoing a lumpectomy, Bonita Favre, the quarter-back's mother, told The Sun Herald on Monday.

Deanna Farve will undergo chemotherapy treatments that could last up to five months and is expected to make a full recovery, Bonita Favre said. The Packers had no com-

ment on the matter, and Brett Favre was unavailable Tuesday. He usually addresses the media on Wednesday In December, Brett's father, Irvin, died from a heart attack,

Deanna's brother, Casey Tynes, 24, was killed three weeks ago in an ATV accident on Brett Favre's property near his home in Oak Grove. Favre was told about his

wife's cancer on Oct. 14 and he left practice to be with his family for a day before the Packers' game against Detroit on

"Brett was relieved to learn that the situation is not as bad as it could have been," Deanna's brother-in-law, Scott Favre said. "We think that they got (all of the cancer) out.'

Police change tactics in wake of fan death

BOSTON - The Seattle Police Department has suspended use of pepper-spray pellet guns blamed for the death of a 21-year-old college student who was shot by police trying to break up a rowdy crowd of Boston Red Sox fans last week

Seattle police have shelved the equipment until the department can determine what hanpened in Boston. Department spokesman Scott Moss said that the guns are normally restricted to a few trained officers and have yet to be used.

Other police departments around the coun try said they have found such crowd-control weapons to be effective and would keep using

"We've used it on six occasions and haven't had any problems with it," said Sgt. Carlos Rojas of the Santa Ana, Calif., Police Department

Boston police, who acquired the weapons for this year's Democratic National Convention have nut them aside at least temporarily and have gone back to using a previous model since the death of Victoria Snelgrove, who was shot in the eye

Snelgrove was among an estimated 80,000 fans who swarmed the streets outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox beat the rival New York Yankees to advance to the World Series for the first time since 1986.

Officers fired into a crowd of fans, striking Snelgrove and at least two others. Paul Gate ly, 24, needed stitches to patch a hole in his cheek and suffered bruises and welts on his torso. Kapila Bhamidipati, of Bridgewater, N.J., was struck in the temple and said doctors had to remove small pieces of plastic from his

MLB briefs

Within 24 hours of Snelgrove's death, Boston Police Commissioner Kath leen O'Toole suspended use of the penner guns. Several days later, O'Toole tapped Massachu-

setts' former chief federal prosecutor, Donald K. Stern, to lead an investigation into the

Palmeiro re-signs with Orioles for \$3M

BALTIMORE - Rafael Palmeiro didn't vant his homecoming with the Baltimore Orioles to end after just one season, so he took a pay cut and accepted a one-year, \$3 million contract Wednesday.

Palmeiro, 40, returned to the Orioles this season after a five-year absence. He batted 258 with 23 homers and 88 RBIs — the first time since 1994 that he failed to hit at least 38 homers and drive in 100 runs

Yankees brass huddles in Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. - New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman met with other top team officials Wednesday during the second day of high-level organizational meetings.

Some of the officials later Wednesday traveled at Legends Field, about a mile away from the team's minor league complex, where Yankees owner George Steinbrenner has his of-

Steinbrenner summoned his top executives to Florida for meetings Tuesday, less than a week after the Yankees became the first major league team to lose a best-of-seven series it led 3-0.

New York is expected to pursue outfielder Carlos Beltran after he becomes a free agent Yankees minor leaguer Eric Milton are among those available.

The Yankees are expected to give serious consideration to resuming talks with Arizona about acquiring left-hander Randy Johnson

Bid for Bonds' HR ball tops \$800,000

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' 700th home run ball brought a top bid of \$804.129 Wednesday after a 10-day online auction.

The ball had received 240 offers by the time Overstock.com closed the bidding. The identity of the top bidder, nicknamed "homasteri. was not immediately made public

Steve Williams of Pacifica got the ball after a scramble in the left-center field bleachers at SBC Park on Sept. 17 - a mad dash that has fattened his wallet but also landed him in court. Timothy Murphy has sued Williams, contending he should get the ball because he locked it behind his knees while at the bottom of a scrum before Williams swiped it.

A San Francisco judge refused to hold up the sale, freeing Williams to go to auction.

Edgar Martinez wins Clemente Award ST. LOUIS - Retiring Seattle Mariners des-

ignated hitter Edgar Martinez won the Rober to Clemente Award for excellence on the field and in the community.

Martinez, who spent all 18 of his major league seasons with the Mariners, has been involved with a nearly a dozen charities and nonprofit organizations.

The award is named after the former Pitts burgh Pirates outfielder, who died in a plane crash New Year's Eve 1972 on a flight to deliver relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nic





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Martinez brilliant in what could be last Red Sox start

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - He has been loved and revered, maligned and smeared

He's a one-word name, Pedro, the way Reggie used to be. And now he and the rest of the Boston Red Soy

are one win away from an event that will change their lives and alter the universe of a long-suffering team

With all of baseball watching and wondering whether he would come through, Pedro Martinez allowed just three hits in seven scoreless innings Tuesday night, retiring his final 14 batters in a 4-1 victory over St. Louis that gave the Red Sox a 3-0 World Series lead

"It's been a great ride," he said, "I hope everybody enjoyed it as much as I did. Even with the struggles that I've had up and down during the season, I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed every moment."

It was perhaps his final game with the Red Sox. He can become a free agent after the World Series, and it's unclear whether he'll be back for an eighth season in Boston.

"If they don't get me, it's probably because they didn't try hard enough," he said. "My heart is with

Boston. I consider Boston my house Martinez got out of a bases-loaded jam in the first when Jim Edmonds flied out and left fielder Manny Ramirez threw out Larry Walker at

the plate Then Martinez allowed hits to his 44 The Yankees are do first two batters in the third, but pitcher Jeff Suppan languished in no-man's land off third on Walker's grounder to first and ran into another double play.

St. Louis never got another runner to first with Martinez on the mound. "Once they didn't score in that inning, I said, 'It's up to me now,' " Martinez said

He put to sleep the Cardinals' batters and their fans, turning the sea of red in Busch Stadium into a silent crowd. He needed just 98 pitches to get through seven innings and turn the game over to the bullben, and he allowed just

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one ball out of the infield after the third. "His changeup kept us off balance," the Cardi-

nals' Reggie Sanders said. Martinez's success can't be questioned - three Cy Young Awards and a regular-season record of

But in Boston, fans talked about how he wasn't the same as a few years ago. He no longer overpowered batters, he had turned into a 100-pitch pitcher and he came apart against the Yankees. They debated

whether his \$17.5 million salary was worth it. Will he be on the mound next April when the Red Sox - it is too much to think ahead - open the defense of their World Series title? And their opener is



Boston's Pedro Martinez pitches during Game 3 of the World Series on Tuesday. Martinez, a free agent this offseason, said if the Red Sox don't re-sign him, "it's probably because they didn't try hard enough."

against the Yankees, no less. "I hope I get another chance to come back with this team, but if I don't, I understand the business part of it," Martinez said.

"I just hope that many other people understand that I wasn't the one that wanted to

leave. I'm only doing what I have to In September, he called the Yan-

kees his "daddy" because of their against him, sparking success chants of ridicule when he pitched in New York during the AL Championship Series.

The Yankees are over. That was one frustrating game I said that," he said. "I could be anybody's daddy any day

He certainly treated the Cardinals

Boston has had great pitchers over the past 85 years. Dave Ferriss led the 1946 staff within one victory of the title. Jim Lonborg dominated in 1967 only to lose Game 7 to the Cardinals. And in 1986, Roger Clem-

ens and Bruce Hurst couldn't get the job done against the New York Mets. Well, Martinez has done his job and put the Red Sox in position to win. Boston has four chances to fin-

Derek Lowe gets the first chance Wednesday night. After that, it would be Tim Wakefield's turn, and then Curt Schilling's, ankle willing.

If that doesn't happen, and the Red Sox and Cardinals go to another Game 7 on Sunday night, Martinez's spot comes up again. But by then, Martinez and his teammates could be getting fitted for rings and celebrating at Beantown's biggest party since the one with tea

Pedro: Baserunning blunder costs Cards

"I think the one thing I'm absolutely confident about is that we've come too far to give an effort that will embarrass anybody tomorrow."

Derek Lowe will try to finish it off for Boston on Wednesday night, starting against Jason Marquis in Game 4.

"We don't want people to think this Series is over," Lowe said.

Still, Red Sox fans gathered around the Boston dugout and chanted "One more win! One more win!" after the final out.

Meanwhile, this sign curiously was posted on a side scoreboard at Busch Stadium: "Thanks for a great 2004 season."

Then again, the Red Sox have seen something similar before. When they were within one strike of the 1986 title in Game 6, a message popped onto the Shea Stadium scoreboard congratulating them on winning the World Series. A couple of days later, the New York Mets beat them in

Game 7 Pitching a day after his 33rd birthday, Martinez threw seven innings of shutout ball, holding the limp Cardinals to three hits and retiring his last 14 batters He did it without the blazing fasthall that made him a three-time Cv Young Award winner, instead mixing his deliveries

"He has a history of being pretty good," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Larry Walker homered in the ninth off Boston closer Keith Foulke. By then, it was too late as St. Louis' big hitters fell short.

Scott Rolen again went hitless leaving him at 0-for-11 Albert Pujols, Rolen and Jim Edmonds, the 3-4-5 guys for the Cardinals, are 5-for-33 with one RBI

Ramirez put Boston ahead with a first-inning homer and Martinez held it, helped by superb de-fense and shaky baserunning. Added up, the Red Sox set a team record with their seventh straight postseason win, bettering the streak of six capped off by Babe Ruth's win in the 1916 Series.

That Martinez won was hardly amazing. That Boston's defense contributed was downright shock-

The Red Sox made eight errors and still won the first two games.

This time, they were flawless in the field - and maybe even better than that.

Ramirez, coming off two gaffes in Game 1, threw out Walker at the plate from left field to end the first inning. The lumbering Ortiz. in the lineup because Boston did not have the DH slot, alertly caught losing pitcher Jeff Suppan later.

"I was really happy to see Manny, not even thinking about what happened at Fenway," Martinez said.

The Cardinals loaded the bases with one out in the first and crowd sensed a big hit coming. Edmonds lofted a fly ball to shallow left and Walker decided to make a run for it, but Ramirez **World Series**

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was equal to the challenge and made an accurate throw home. Catcher Jason Varitek decoyed, standing as if there was no play before suddenly catching the ball and slapping on the tag

Ahead 1-0, Boston did it again with defense in the third.

Suppan started it with a swinging-bunt single and Edgar Renteria hit a double that sent Trot Nixon sliding feet first into a warning track puddle, a pratfall right out of a Wet&Wild Ride&Slide

The crowd came to its feet, but Walker rapped a weak grounder to second baseman Mark Bell horn, which should have easily been enough to advance the runners and score the tving run.

With third-base coach Jose Oquendo urging him to run, Suppan made a quick break for the plate and then stopped while Renteria took off for third. Ortiz caught Bellhorn's throw, took a second and noticed the Cardinals' confusion on the bases. Ortiz made a perfect throw

across the diamond to nail Suppan, and a grounder by Puiols ended the inning and brought out

"Jeff heard, 'No! no!' and Jose, he was yelling, 'Go! go!' " La Russa said

Bill Mueller and Nixon hit consecutive doubles with two outs in the fourth, and Boston scored twice in the fifth for a 4-0 lead.

Ramirez singled home a run and Mueller later chased Suppan with an RBI single. Of Boston's 20 runs in the Series, 10 have come with two outs

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Pedro masterful in Game 3



Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez points to the sky as he walks off the field after retiring the St. Louis Cardinals in the seventh inning of Game 3 of the World Series on Tuesday in St. Louis. Martinez allowed just three hits in seven shutout innings as Boston took a 3-0 lead in the Series with a 4-1 victory.

Martinez deftly handles Cardinals, puts Red Sox on path to Series sweep

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BY BEN WALKER The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The Boston Red Sox are making this look too easy. Because at this rate, only a

curse can stop them. So far, the St. Louis Cardi-

nals can't. With their baseball stars and lucky stars Red Sox moved within one victory of their first World Series championship since 1918, cruising past the Cardinals 4-1 Tuesday

night.

better than Pedro Martinez, Manny Ramirez and the wild-card Red Sox that a 3-0 lead can be overcome; they just became the first team to do it in the postseason, against the New York Vankees.

But no one knows better than the Red Sox how elusive that last win can be; four times since that last title they've been one victory

away, and four times they've lost. "We're not going to relax that much," Martinez said. "I don't think our team's going to relax as

much as the Yankees were." Martinez made his long-awaited Series debut a special one, bailed out when 44 We're not going to Ramirez

as much dam-age with their arms as bats. Backed the surprising show of de-fense, the Red the Yankees were. Sox got in position to sweep the club that

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David Ortiz did

wins this And to think that last week. they were three outs from getting swept in the AL Championship Se-

"It's something you've got to no-tice. It's possible," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Hard not to get discouraged. They

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A St. Louis fan shows his frustration toward the end of Game 3.

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Steelers have streak of their own on the line in matchup vs. Patriots

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